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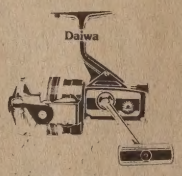

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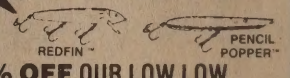

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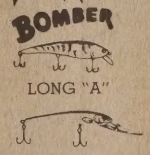

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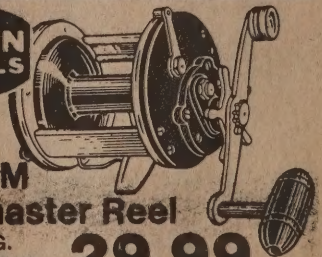

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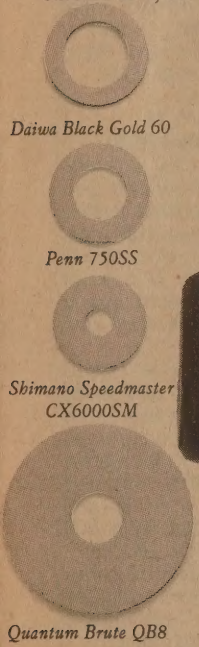

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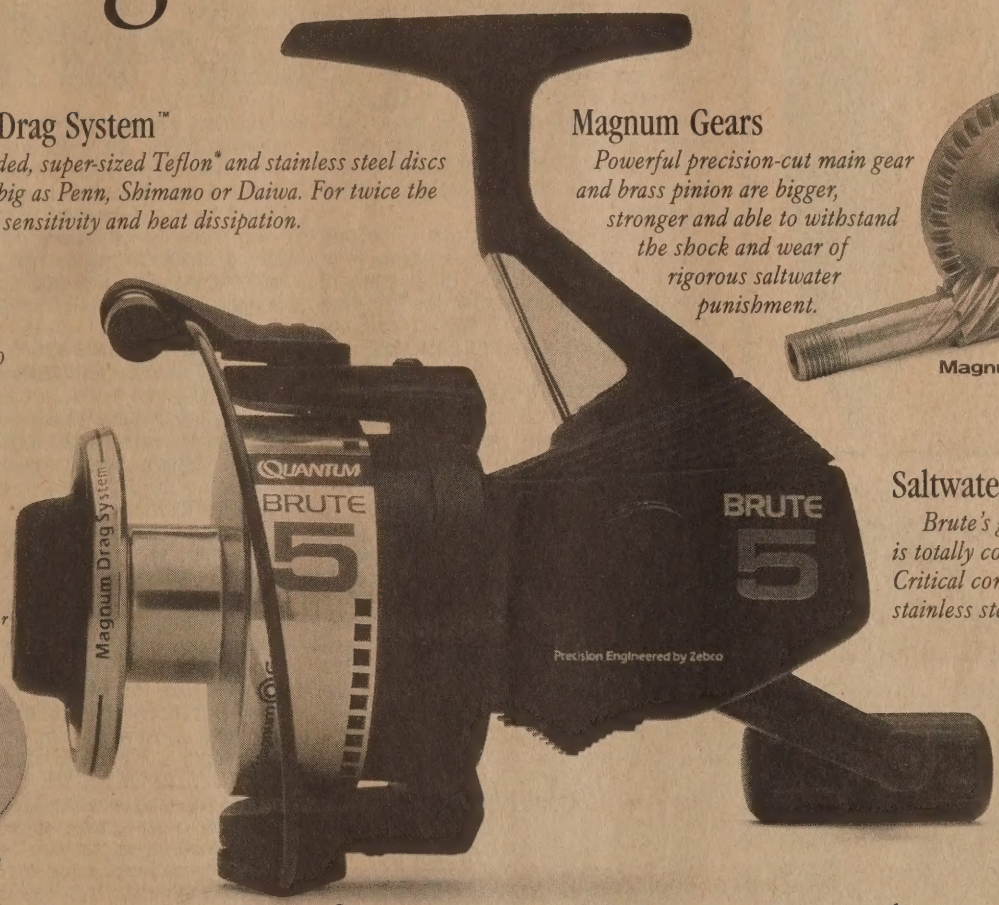

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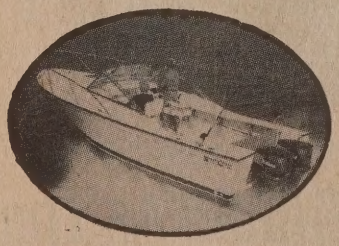
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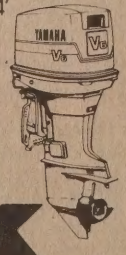

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For more information, contact local fishing tackle shops or Doug Smith at Korkers, Inc., P.O. Box 166, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526, phone: 503-476-6823.

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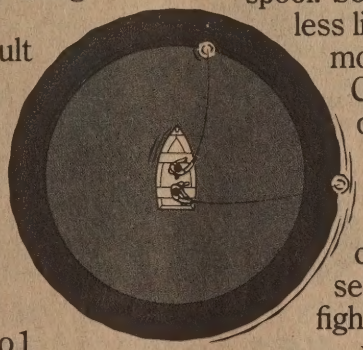

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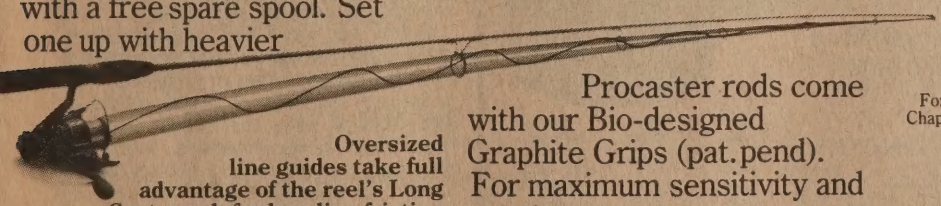

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PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Since the days of ancient Phoenician mariners, seagoers have been dumping their trash at sea. Back in those days, the oceans could easily handle the waste, but today, both the nature and the quantity of trash have changed. Today, what gets tossed overboard can have a deadly impact on marine life and cause economic hardships for other boaters.

Plastic, the wonder material that we used for everything, is perhaps the most harmful of this trash because it does not readily break down in nature. In fact, the plastic that goes over the side today may still be around in 450 years to foul up the fishing gear, boat propellers, and beaches of future generations, not to mention what it will do to countless generations of marine life and sea birds that eat it or get tangled up in it.

Careless disposal of plastics can have dire consequences. This six-pack ring, which relieves us of having to juggle six cans at once, can become a deadly noose for a bird or fish. A plastic bag looks like a tasty jellyfish to an indescriminate feeder like the sea turtle, but plastic is indigestible. It can choke, block the intestines, or cause infection in those animals that consume it. A plastic bag can also clog an outboard engine's cooling system. Lost or discarded monofilament fishing line can foul propellers, destroying oil seals and lower units on engines, or it can become an entangling web for fish, sea birds, and marine mammals.

Every day, more and more plastic is accumulating in our oceans. Recreational boaters are not the only group that improperly disposes of plastic refuse at sea. Plastics enter the marine environment from sewage outfalls, merchant shipping, and commercial fishing operations. The contributions of recreational boaters, however, is significant. A National Academy of Science study estimated that, on the average, one pound of trash, including plastic, is tossed overboard per person, per trip. The next time you're out on the water, count the number of other boaters. It adds up quickly.

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Plastic really is fantastic. The problem is improper disposal. Remember that a careless moment may last for generations.

WHEN RELEASING FISH, HANDLE WITH CARE

Waste is by no means confined to indiscriminate commercial fishing practices, which is why the growing trend of anglers releasing fish they do not intend to eat or mount as a trophy is such an important development in fishery conservation. As the release of salt water game fish becomes a more common occurence, even in the competitive tournament setting, it is critical for all anglers to appreciate not only the benefits of releasing fish alive, but also to ensure that the fish is released in a manner that will enhance its chances of survival. An angler's decision to release a fish, out of concern for the future of the resource, brings with it an ethical obligation to do it in a humane way, or otherwise it will serve no purpose.

The following are general rules for releasing salt water fish, gleaned from the International Game Fish Association and other authoritative sources:

Play and release the fish as rapidly as possible. A fish played too gently for too long may be too exhausted to recover.

Keep the fish in the water as much as possible. A fish out of water for more than three or four minutes suffers brain damage due to loss of oxygen. In addition, the fish is suffocating and may pound itself fatally if allowed to flop on land or boat deck. If it is necessary to keep a fish out of water for several minutes, pour water over its gills.

Gentleness in handling is essential. Keep your fingers out of the gills. Avoid cutting the skin. Do not squeeze small fish; lift and hold them by the lower lip. Nets are helpful provided the mesh does not become entangled in the gills. Ripped gills are usually fatal. If the fish is bleeding from the gills, there is little point in releasing it. Larger fish, such as billfish, should be lifted out of the water horizontally, not vertically, to avoid damaging the fish's internal organs.

Flatten the barbs on the hook and remove it as rapidly as possible with longnosed pliers. If the fish is deeply hooked and it can't be worked out, cut the leader and leave the hook in. Small fish, especially, may die from shock from tearing out a hook. If the fish is hooked badly in the gut, keep it.

Return the fish to the water as carefully as possible. Revive the fish if it appears stunned or unconscious after a long struggle. Hold the fish in the water upright, heading upstream. Move the fish forward and backward so that water runs through the gills. This is artificial respiration and

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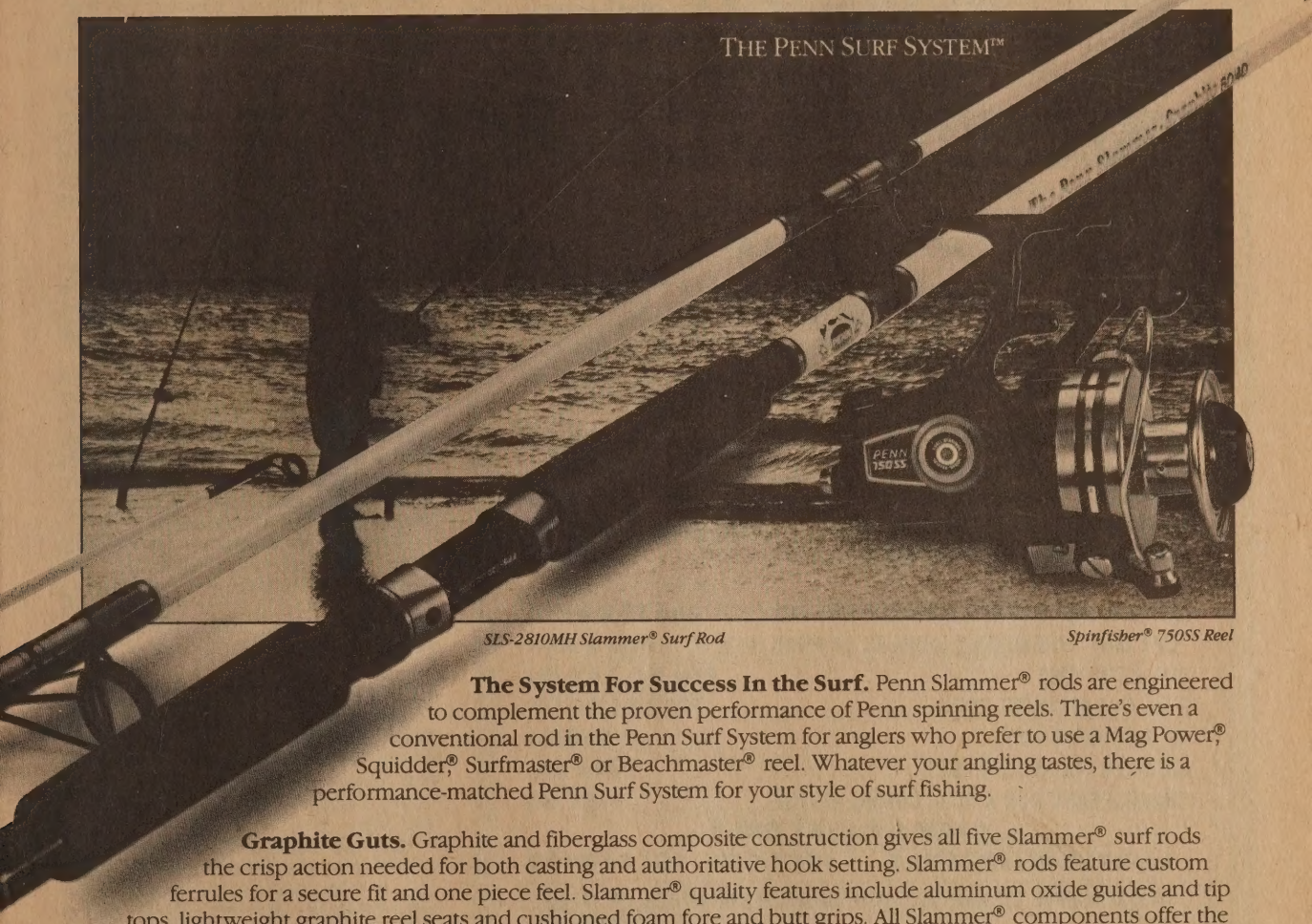

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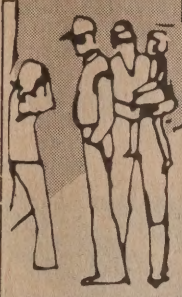

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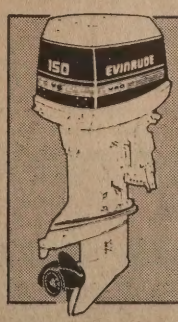

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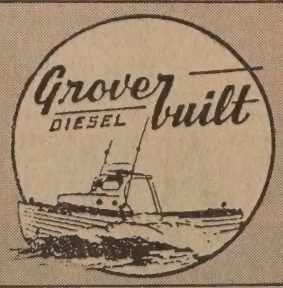

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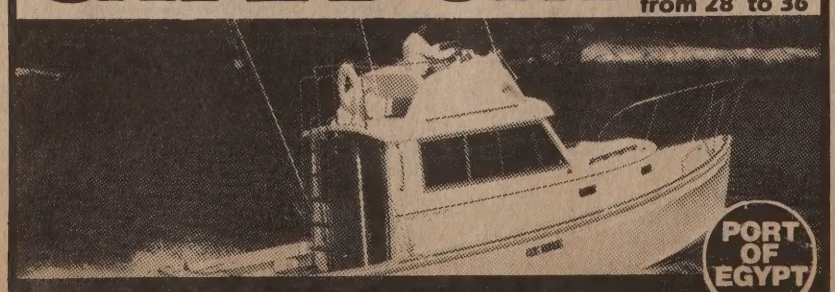

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READING THE WATER: ADVENTURES IN SURF FISHING

Artists, construction workers, administrators turned lure makers, and pier builders turned journalists are among the dedicated, even fanatical, characters in Robert Post's Reading The Water: Adventures in Surf Fishing from Martha's Vineyard (published by The Globe Pequot Press, Chester, CT 06412, $17.95 hardcover). And characters they are, at that. Newly magnetized or life-long obsessed, these fishermen form a subculture in the angling world. They are formed by a stern discipline in which sleep, family, food, and, at times, the risk of life itself are less important than the whisper of beach sand as a wave recedes and the clamor diving sea birds over a school of harried fish.

The book's delightful fishing stories reveal much about the sport's history and insider's techniques applicable along all coasts as well as how lives are lived in small coastal communities. But over and above the mechanics of surf fishing is something higher, more valued: the love, perhaps even the worship, these individuals hold for their sport.

Sometimes the fishermen's stories are poetic. Sometimes knee-slappingly funny. Other times only a word or two is necessary. But the excitement and beauty and solitude of their hours angling are as clear as an early morning sky can be.

An eager surf fisherman, himself, Robert Post has called himself "a fisherman trapped in the body of a dentist." And maybe so, but he has creatively captured the mystique that surrounds those who haunt the sea rim. The fishermen's own words coupled with Post's humor and insight make these stories a celebration of the sport itself.

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One of the new bags, BZB 10, is narrower. It has no side pockets, but the large front pocket remains. The 8¾" high insert is divided into 2 rows of 5 to hold 10 large plugs. This bag was designed to carry less, making it easier to handle and lighter on the purse.

The second new surf bag, BZB 12, is a shrunken version of the BZB 15. It contains 3 roomy pockets and all the other features of the larger bags. The 7" high 5x8" insert has 4 wide and 8 narrow compartments. Built to accomodate 12 smaller plugs, BZB 12 is an ideal spring bag.

For more information, contact: Keep Klean Products Co. Inc., 45 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, NY 10701, (914) 963-5550. Dealers welcomed.

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For more information see your local dealer or write Tim Hurst at Design Tech USA, 6180 Babcock Street SE, Palm Bay, FL 32907. Phone: (407) 984-3351. Dealer inquireies welcome.

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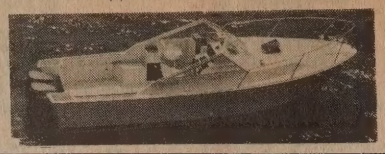

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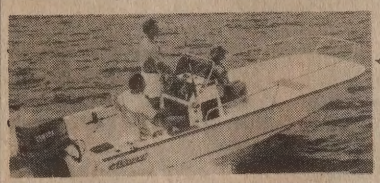

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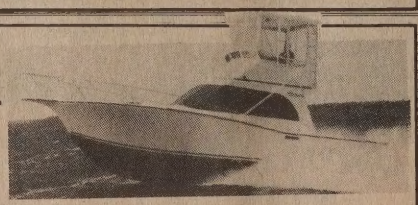

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Tasco's highly popular waterproof binocular with illuminated compass rangfinding reticle and calculating ring, ideal for hunters, is now available in black. The 7X50mm model, the 322BCW, features a special calculating ring which reads out the distance of an object when its height or width are known and the height or width when the object's distance is known.

The ring, which is built permanently into the binoculars' left objective leg, makes this model an indispensable navigational aid in the wilderness or on the water. Objects are not only seen seven times closer, but their positions can be fixed and their sizes and distances easily determined.

A sturdy polycarbonate body seals out water and prevents internal fogging, enabling the binoculars to withstand the most severe weather conditions. The body is molded to comfortably fit the hands and the built-in illuminated, single axis, liquid filled compass can be used both day and night. Battery operated, the illuminator, with the push of a button, provides a red light for clear compass reading in marginal light situations.

Other features of the binocular include: 50mm objectives lens, BK-7 prisms, fully coated optics, 366 foot field of view at 1,000 yards, rubber fold down eyecups, rain guard, pouch case and compact styling.

Suggested retail of this binocular is $399.95.

SHAKESPEARE'S NEW TRIBOTIC GRAPHITE RODS:

Shakespeare introduces its brand new Tribotic Graphite rods with triple layer construction. The performance you've come to expect from Shakespeare is built in, at a price that makes performance affordable.

With its innovative, new 3 layer construction, the Tribotic Graphite series features an inner layer of woven fiberglass for hoop strength, wrapped in graphite butt section and the highly flexible tip, these new rods give excellent control for fighting big fish.

Graphite filled reel seats allow you to feel the slightest nibbles or nudges, sensitivity you have to experience to believe. To protect the line, Shakespeare added lightweight aluminum oxide guides. And there's more: EVA foam grips provide comfortable casting in any weather; 8'3" steelhead rods are available in both casting and spinning models; CA 5070-1M and CA 5076-1ML are made especially for crankbait and popping action; CA 5059-2MH features a telescoping handle for flipping.

Shakespear took out the high price and added performance that makes the new Tribotic Graphite a rod with built in value.

KENYON ELECTRONICS INTRODUCES EASIEST TO OPERATE LORAN

The easy to use RedLine Loran C100, a tremendous breakthrough in Loran C design and performance, has been introduced by IMI Kenyon Electronics.

"We wanted a Loran that is so easy to use you don't have to read an owner's manual to be able to operate it," said IMI Kenyon Electronics President, Christopher Kent from IMI corporate headquarters in Guilford, CT. "We felt the need for a straightforward Loran that allows people to navigate precisely and safely with just a minimum of practice. We came up with the RedLine C100, conceived to be the world's easiest to operate Loran."

The RedLine Loran C100 is simply operated by two knobs and four button controls, giving the user all the information of a main frame Loran. "It's a real change for marine Loran in that there is no multi-function keyboard necessary to input data," explained Kent.

A rugged casing makes the full function Loran station completely waterproof for cockpit mounting. Down below, a position sensor (a black box) does all the receiving, transmitting and information processing. The one position sensor will support up to two displays.

The compact unit is designed for quick and easy "do-it-yourself" installation into any cockpit, nav station, center console, dashboard, or flying bridge. Design versatility allows for either surface mounting (simply by screwing onto a bulkhead or other surface, no rear access required), low profile mounting (for minimum protrusion), or console mounting (via adjustable hinge brackets).

The Loran C100 is part of Kenyon's state-of-the-art RedLine performance instrument series. The unit comes with a two year warranty and is priced at $1,495 for a one-display unit. A second display sells for $495.

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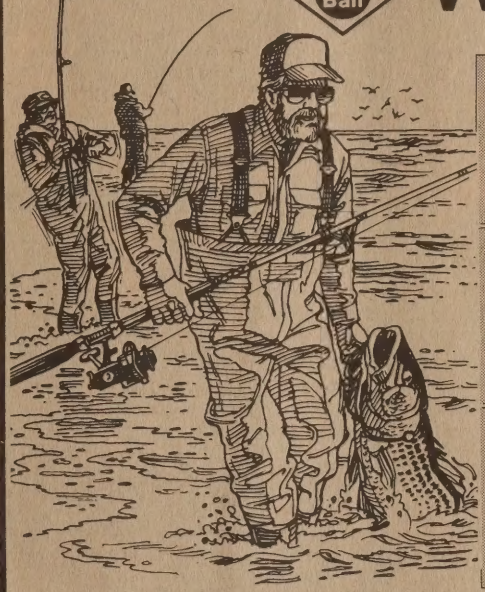

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By Felix Cariello

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CLUB STANDINGS — Top Ten Clubs

CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. Gateway Striper Club	379	247	40	666
2. Hampton Surf Club	480	155	27	658
3. High Hill Striper Club	495	143	9	647
4. East End Surf Club	509	104	23	636
5. Mid Island Surfcasters	345	225	30	600
6. Long Island Surfcasters	291	130	22	443
7. Patchogue Fishing Club	295	119	11	425
8. Farragut Striper Club	343	55	0	398
9. Paumonak Surfcasters	256	123	0	380
10. Striper Surf Club	198	148	0	346
11. Great South Bay Anglers	86	0	0	86

MOST POINTS OVERALL — Individual Top Twenty

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. J. McKay	GSC	247	102	11	360
2. P. Fanelli	LISA	291	35	0	326
3. W. Miller	MIS	143	70	0	197
4. W. Kowal	HSC	190	7	0	197
5. P. Mabanta	PSC	173	21	0	193
6. T. Delgiorno	HHS	105	68	0	182
7. B. Muller	HHS	105	68	0	173
8. A. Diebel	EES	169	0	0	169
9. K. Kassan	FSC	106	21	0	127
10. P. Cilento	PFC	80	38	0	127
11. P. Bocchino	FSC	102	7	0	109
12. S. Leonard	PSC	73	35	0	108
13. M. Sarro	SSC	84	20	0	104
14. R. Perlow	HSC	38	59	0	97
15. L. Wojcik	HSC	84	0	10	94
16. D. Meola	EES	86	6	0	92
17. J. Tanglioni	MIS	57	23	0	80
18. D. Caracciolo	HHS	69	10	0	79
J. Augieri	GSC	22	28	29	79
19. J. D'Addario	HHS	76	0	0	76
20. F. Eike	MIS	0	73	0	73

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS — Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. S. Nebrezny	62 pounds, 8 ounces	EES
2. J. Colby	58 pounds, 9 ounces	PFC
3. D. Meola	42 pounds, 0 ounces	EES

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH — Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. F. Eike	19 pounds, 0 ounces	MIS
2. D. Caracciolo	16 pounds, 4 ounces	HHS

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH — Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. T. Brady	12 pounds, 0 ounces	EES
2. S. Hentschel	11 pounds, 14 ounces	EES
3. D. Ebner	11 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC

RELEASED FISH POINTS — Top Three Clubs

1. Gateway Striper . . . . . 1847 points
2. Mid Island Surfcasters . . . . . 1095 points
3. High Hill Striper . . . . . 1007 points

OUT OF STATE STRIPED BASS —

1. Striper Surf Club . . . . . 129 points
2. Gateway Striper Club . . . . . 14 points

WOMEN'S DIVISION — No Entries

CHILDREN'S DIVISION — No Entries

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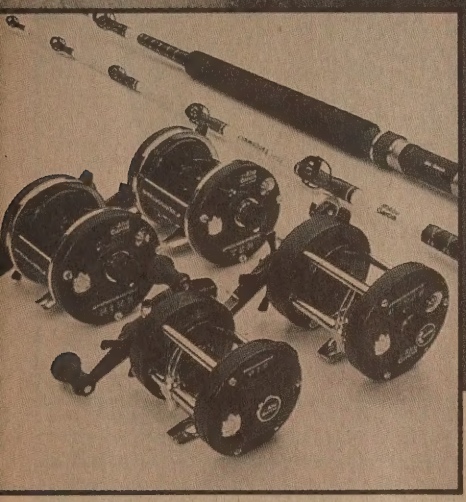

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Constructed with high-strength aluminum and corrosion-proof graphite, these new Ambassadeur models SIX, SEVEN, NINE, and TEN are tough enough to take a beating, trip after trip. And they're packed with everything you need to get gamefish out of the sea and into your boat, such as lever free spool and dual cast control for easier casting, high-ratio bronze gearing, stainless steel ball bearings, and more. Reels so tough, they're backed by an exclusive lifetime warranty.

Best of all, these reels are built for value as well as performance. So you get a ton of high-quality features without a high price.

Commodore rods.

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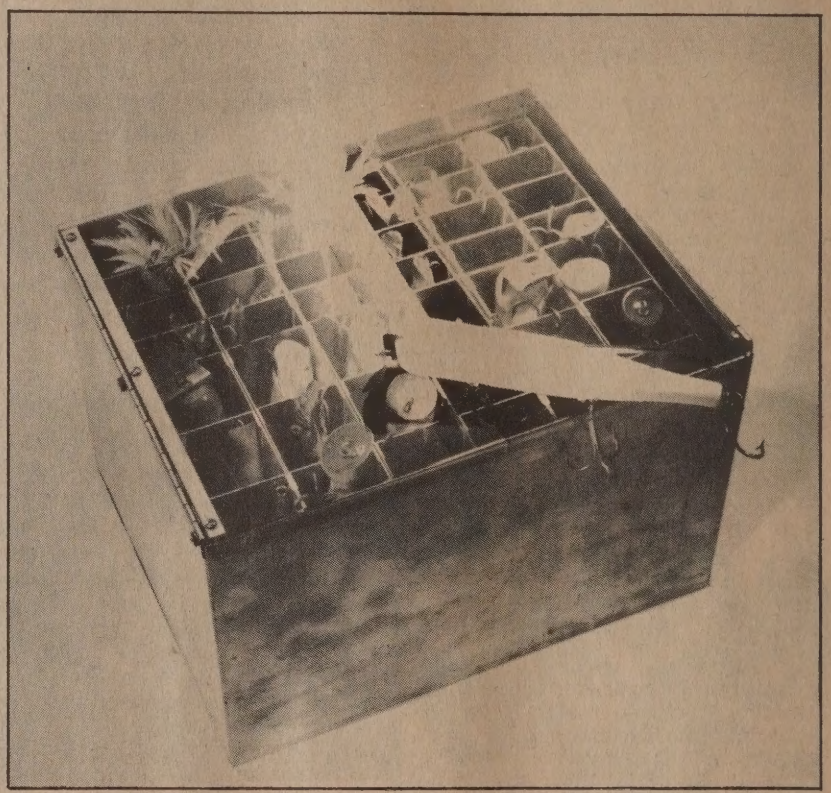

New Storage For Surfmen

Nothing on the beach makes me cringe more than the sight of someone trudging along the sand with their rod in one hand and a tackle box dangling from the other. It wasn't too long ago that the reason for such a faux pas may have been that the more "socially acceptable" surf bag simply wasn't available on many tackle shop shelves.

Surf fishing has enjoyed a tremendous boost in popularity in recent years and in response to the increased demand, surf bags are now available in more shapes and sizes than ever before. Each of the past few seasons has seen new models introduced and this year is no exception. In addition to the standard surf bags, there are also a pair of meat lure toting items available from The Surfcaster, a mail order firm based in Darien, Connecticut.

Bill Preinsberger, alias The Surfcaster, applied his abundant surf savvy in developing a box constructed of welded heavy gauge aluminum and capable of storing up to 42 extra large or 100 smaller lures, depending upon your choice of inserts. The box comes equipped with a carrying strap and is the ideal storage solution for beach buggy or car. Durable, clear lexon covers mounted with stainless piano hinges keep sand out of the inserts and afford complete protection. The box, complete with G inserts (inserts are interchangeable as surf bag inserts) sells for $85.95, or you can purchase just the

box for $39.95 and fit it out with your own inserts.

At the other end of the spectrum is a belt-pouch lure carrier that is ideal for those brief forays requiring just a handful of lures or for light tackle situations where your arsenal might consist of just a ½ dozen or so minnow-shaped swimmers. This handy item is available for $12.95.

Merrick Tackle of Bellmore, New York, has introduced a new bag that will satisfy the needs of casters looking for that little extra in a surf bag. Well equipped with accessory compartments, this jumbo carryall will comfortably fit Atom 40s, 3½ oz. bottle plugs and just about anything else you're inclined to carry in your arsenal. This oversize version of the Bronco Bag (BLB4) retails in many tackle shops from New England through south Jersey for between $65 and $75.

Blazer Bags, manufactured by Keep Klean Products, based in Yonkers, New York, has expanded their fine line of surf bags to four with the addition of two new models for 1988.

According to Felix Cariello, Jr., who spends more than his share of time in the suds, the latest additions include the BZB 10 and the BZB 12. Their rectangular inserts are constructed of a high impact styrene while the bag is made from a vinyl laminated polyester. This material is tear and rot resistant and its waterproof qualities enable it to shed water rather than absorb it which can add considerable weight to a standard canvas bag.

The BZB 10 contains two rows of compartments and measures 10″ long x 4″ wide and 8¾″ high. These Compartments are also capable of storing large bottle plugs and Atom 40s according to Felix, it retails for approximately $40.

The BZB 12 is equipped with three rows of compartments but is designed primarily for use with small and standard size plugs. It measures 10″ long x 4″ wide and is 7″ high and is fitted with side pockets for toting spare spools, leather wallets, etc. It retails for about $45.00 in most shops.

Many surf fishermen have discovered the benefits of owning more than one bag. Most of us fish several locations with each requiring its own assortment of lures. Lots of casters also like to keep a day bag and a night bag ready rather than having to restock their bag everytime they hit the beach.

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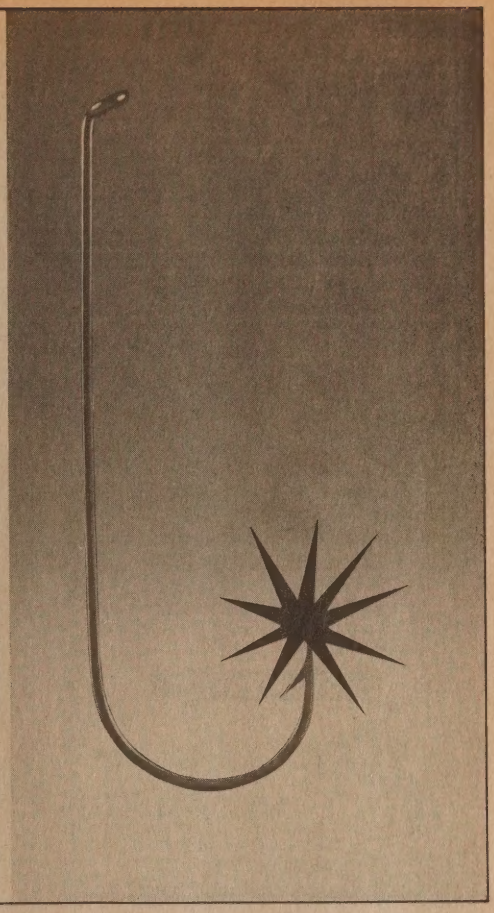

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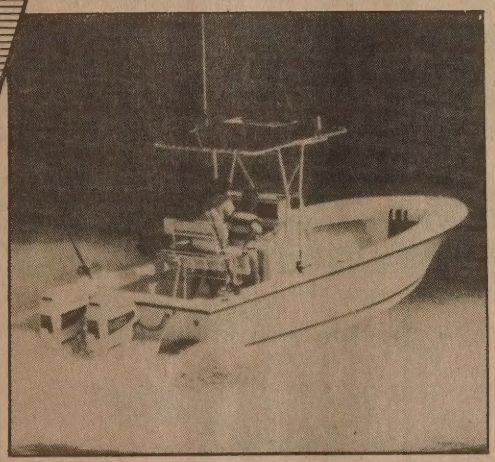

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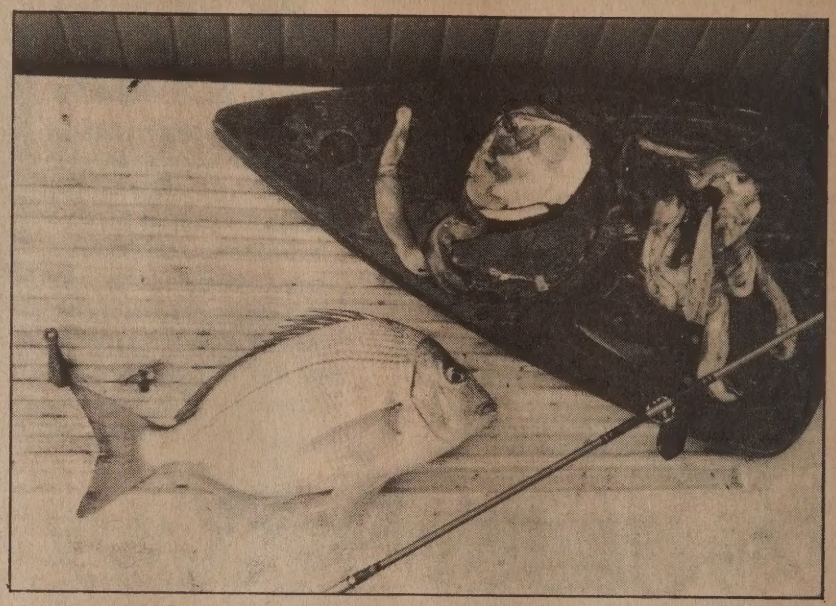

Braised Fish

Braising is an excellent method of cooking pan-sized fish steaks. Cooking is done right on the stove top, and in most cases, in one large cooking vessel. I prefer to sear the fish, briefly, on both sides just prior to the actual braising. The fish is then placed over jan aromatic blend of finely cut, sauteed vegetables, select herbs, and a trace of liquid in which to mingle the flavors. Upon completion of cooking, the vegetables and pan liquid may be poured over the fish in a chunky form or incorporated into a flavorful sauce for a smothering topping.

BRAISED PORGIES

4 porgies, about 1/2 lb. ea. flour
4 Tbs.butter
1 lg. onion, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced celery
1/2 cup chopped, fresh parsley
1 tsp. ea.: thyme, sage, basil
2 bay leaves
salt and pepper to taste
1 cup warm, flat beer

Scale and pan dress the porgies, leaving the tails on. Rinse and dredge the fish in flour until completely coated.

Heat up a large, deep frypan or a Dutch oven. Add 2 tablespoons of the butter, and when the butter begins to foam, sear the porgies on both sides until lightly browned. Drain on paper toweling.

Rinse and wipe dry the pan and return to heat. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, and when the butter begins to foam, add the onions, garlic, carrots, and celery. Sautee the vegetables until browned. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the parlsey, thyme, sage, basil, bay leaves, salt, and pepper. Add the beer and enough water to reach about 1/2 inch over the vegetables. Simmer gently for about 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, place the porgies over the vegetables then add enough water (if needed) to come halfway up the sides of the fish. Cover the pan and simmer, gently, for about 20 minutes without stirring or disturbing the pan ingredients.

When done, carefully transfer the fish to a warm platter. Pick out and discard the bay leaves. Stir the pan ingredients and pour over the fish. Serve hot!

BRAISED BLUEFISH

In the past, I had little success when attempting to braise fish fillets. Invariably, they would always crumble while trying to remove them from the pan. But, determined as I was, I finally overcame the problem by leaving the fish in its skin and carefully transferring the delicate fillets with a long spatula from pan to platter.

1 bluefish, 2-2½ lbs.
4 Tbs. butter
4 cloves garlic, crushed
2 lg. onions, minced
2 bell peppers, cored, seeded, and minced
1 cup chopped fennel (or celery)
4 lg. ripe tomatoes, cored, peeled, and chopped
1/8 tsp. oregano

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1 tsp. crushed basil
1 tsp. crushed red pepper
salt to taste
1 cup dry red wine

Scale and fillet the bluefish leaving its skin on. Heat up a large, deep frypan or Dutch oven then add 2 tablespoons of the butter. When the butter begins to foam, sear the fillets on both sides until lightly browned. Drain on paper toweling.

Rinse and wipe dry the pan then return it to the heat. Add the remaining 2 tabalespoons of butter, then sautee the garlic, onions, peppers, and fennel until browned. Add the tomatoes, oregano, basil, red pepper, salt, and wine. Simmer, gently, for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Place the fillets, skin side down, over the vegetables; add enough water to barely cover the fish. Cover the pan and simmer, gently, without stirring for 20 minutes. Carefully transfer the fillets to a warm platter using a long spatula; top with vegetables and pan liquid. Serve hot!

CODFISH COGNAC BRAISE

2 codfish steaks, 4-6 oz. each
4 Tbs. butter
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 lg. onion, minced
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced celery
1/4 cup parsley
1/2 tsp. tarragon
1/4 tsp. mint
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup cognac or brandy
SAUCE:
2 Tbs. butter
1 Tbs. flour
1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
1 cup heavy cream

Heat up a large, deep frypan or Dutch oven, then add 2 tablespoons of butter. When the butter begins to foam, sear the codfish steaks on both sides until browned. Drain and set aside.

Rinse and wipe dry the pan and return to heat. Add 2 tablespoons of butter, and when the butter begins to foam, sautee the garlic, onion, carrots, and celery until browned. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the parsley, tarragon, mint, salt, pepper, cognac, and enough water to reach about 1/2 an inch above the vegetables. Cover the pan and simmer for 10 minutes without stirring or disturbing the pan ingredients.

Place the codfish steaks over the vegetables and add enough water to come halfway up the sides of the fish. Cover the pan and simmer, undisturbed, for 20 minutes.

Transfer the codfish steaks to a warm platter, cover and set aside. Pour the remaining pan ingredients and liquid into a food processor and blend at moderate speed until pureed. Heatg up a large saucepan (or rinse and wipe dry the frypan) then add 2 tablespoons of butter. When the butter begins to foam, add the chopped mushrooms and sautee lightly. Add the flour and stir over low heat for about 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the heavy cream. Add the pureed vegetables. Mix thoroughly, then return to heat. Cook over a low flame for 2-3 minutes, stirring continuously. Pour sauce over the codfish steaks. Serve hot!

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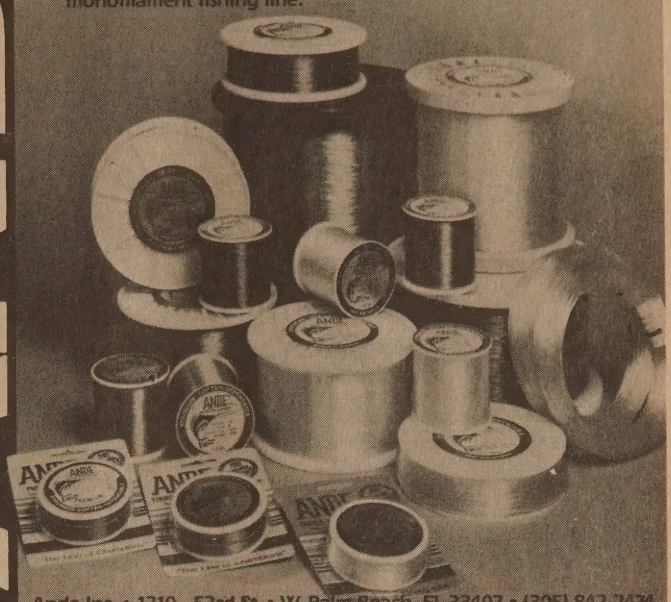

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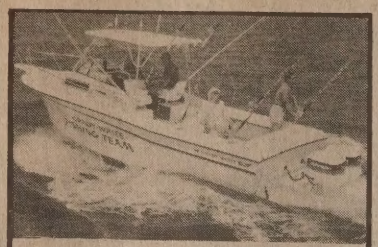

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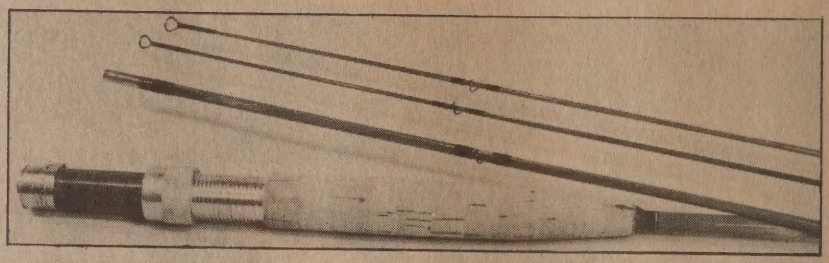


Dear Doc,

I recently acquired six old time rods and reels from my Mother-in-Law which were used by her late husband and his friend. One reel is a Penn Silver Beach, one is an Edwared Von Hofe. I also have a bamboo boat rod in the 20 to 30 pound class dated 1935 and labelled as "Double Cross Built." Five of the rods are bamboo surf casters; one is dated 1935; another 1940 and one dated 1957; the two others have no dates. On rod is called a "Cross Single" and the other a "Shakespeare Double." They have the names of the two owners on them.

I would like to know if there is someone respectable who could tell me if there is a market for these pieces of fishing "history" and if they have any value. Maybe someone would be interested in restoring them for use or show. Thanks for your time.

Larry Wolff

Dear Larry,

As far as reels are concerned, the most valuable usually are those which were handcrafted between 1800 to 1875. These early reels were often engraved by the original reelsmith, so the one you mentioned as "Edward Von Hofe" could fit this category if it was made prior to 1875. Reels made after 1875 are more than likely products of the manufacturing age. The Penn Silver was obviously an earlier model of reel made by Penn Reels of Phildelphia. Although that particular reel is a "manufactured" rather than "handcrafted" product, it still may have some intrinsic value.

As with old time reels, old rods were also often signed by their makers. These signatures are usually found stamped on the butt cap or on the rod shaft itself forward of the handle. The earlier casting rods were made for a two handed grip. The handles were often made of smooth or ribbed wood for better grip. In the early 1900's cork rod handles became popular and gained widespread use, although you still could buy wooden handle grips.

There is an excellent guide out called "Olde Fishing Lures & Tackle" by Carl F. Luckey. This guide lists a good number of old reels and rods with price listings, plus includes an extensive listing of old time lures. In the author's "note to the reader," Carl says he would be happy to write anyone wishing to identify or find the value of a rod, rell or lure if you'd include a self addressed stamped envelope. He cannot promise a response, but he will make every effort to do so. His address is: Carl F. Luckey, Rt.4, Box 301, Killen, Alabama 35645. If you'd like to buy a copy of "Old Fishing Lures and Tackle" send a letter to: CAH Enterprises USA, 1105 Marlin Rd., Memphis, TN 38116. The guide costs $17 which includes postage for shipment anywhere in the USA. $27 for orders outside the United States.

There are also two old tackle appraisers that have been recommended as good sources for price quotes; they are: Frederick Grafeld, 297 Born St., Secaucus, NJ 07094; and Hoagy Carmichael, 59 David's Hill Rd., Bedford, NY 10507. Hope this helps you out.

Dear Doc,

I have been fishing for a while and certainly enjoy it very much. I don't eat the fish I catch because I don't feel they are clean. In any case, there are a few questions I need your advice on regarding the best time to go for striped bass.

When is the best time to catch these fish and what weather and water conditions are most favorable? Is it true that the striped bass population has decreased over the past few years? How can you tell if a fish is clean enough to eat? That's all the questions I have for now at least. One of your big readers. Benjamin R. Chiang

Dear Benjamin,

You sure can ask a lot of questions in one short note! Let's start out by giving you some general hints that should help increase your chances of hooking up with the "King" of the surf.

Stripers can be caught along some point of the northeastern coast of the United States from March through December. Stripers make two types of migrations per season: one to spawn

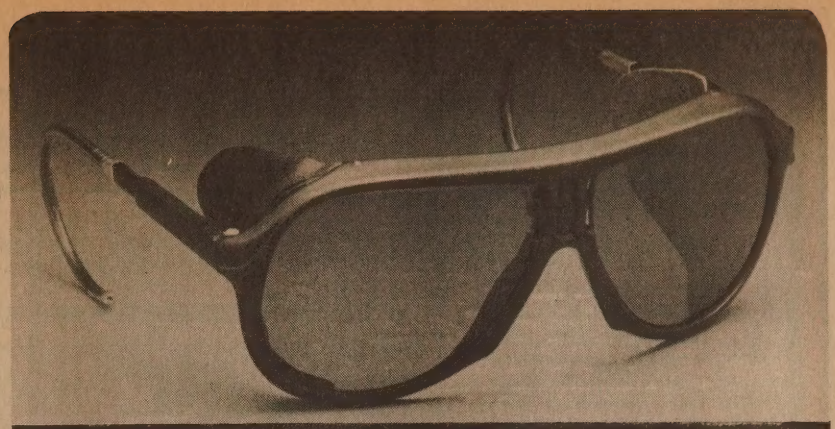
during the months of May, June or July depending on water temperatures and the area of the coast the fish are found; the second is a seasonal northwind migration along the coast from the wintering grounds of the Chesapeake, Delaware, Hudson Bay and the Long Island Sound areas. Some of these fish migrate far up into the New England states. After mingling with their northern brethren for the summer, most of the bass will return to their original wintering grounds.

The summer months offer excellent conditions to catch striped bass. The best conditions are northeast or easterly winds. These type of winds stir up the water and force bait fish to move. Often times, the nastier the northeastern wind conditions, the better the fishing. Hence, experienced striped bass fishermen look with joy at an approaching northeast storm. The best time to fish is actually right after a northeaster has passed, but when the water if still riled up.

The best times to catch these fish are night time and in the early morning or evening hours. When you fish at night be sure to use dark lures as they are more easily seen by the fish. Live or rigged eels are also deadly baits at night. As with any bait or lure, most will work well if the fish are there and you let them see it. Striped bass have voracious appetites, so if you present the bait in a natural manner and they see it, chances are you'll hook up. this is often not as easy as it sounds.

Tides are also a very important factor with this type of fishing, but you'll have to experiment to find out what tides seem to work best for you. Many striper fishermen prefer low tidal conditions while others prefer high water. There are advantages to both. During high water conditions, the bass can often be found right at the edge of the surf line in the breakers. The high water provides cover and a chance for the fish to get into shallow water areas. The baitfish, however, are more dispersed during these conditions. Low water can be a good time to fish because the bass and baitfish are confined to the deeper cuts and sloughs along the beachline. Low water is a good time for you to find our where these deeper holes are to note for future forays. There is "less" area to fish during low water which can help put the odds of your bait being where the fish are.

Regarding the cleanliness of the fish you catch, there is really no way to tell what amount of PCB's or other contaminants the flesh may contain. On the bright side, however, most concentrations of PCB's are found in the fatty tissue of fish on the upper back and along the lateral line. Since most people don't eat these sections, the risk of becoming ill from eating these fish is not great. We should not put our backs to the environmental problems facing our waterways, but right now the fish are safe enough to eat. Thanks for your question and good luck in your quest for the "King" of the surf. Surf fishing is not easy, but it is rewarding!



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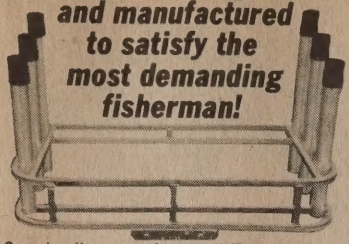

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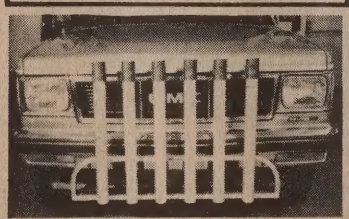

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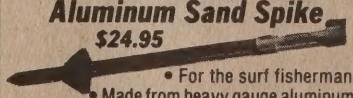

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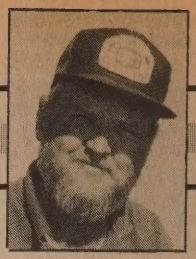

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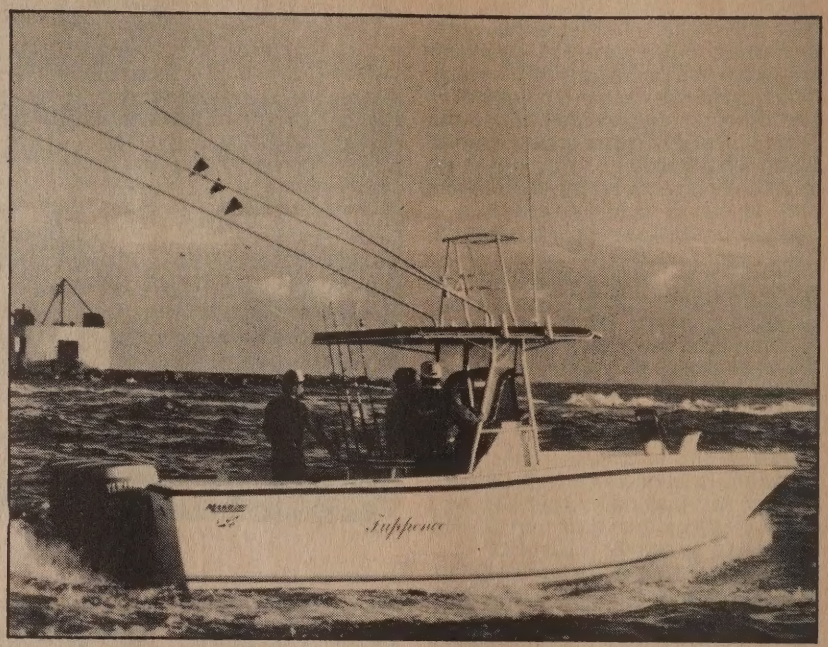

Dear Eric,
I own a 1983 Sea Ray with a 260 OMC Chevy block, raw water cooled and I am considering installing a conversion cooling system to a fresh water system. The manufacturer sells a "half kit" for the cooling of the block and not the manifolds. Since the main reason for the conversion is to prolong engine life and manifolds, I am wondering whether or not the cooling system conversion kit that I am considering installing does only the engine block. Your advice would be greatly appreciated.
Jack Buczek

Dear Jack,
The age of your engine is only one consideration you should make before deciding to add fresh water cooling. A five year old engine with 250 hours could be worth the expense, but the same age engine with 1000 hours may not have enough life left to make the project worthwhile.
It would certainly make the conversion more valuable if the manifolds were included, but getting several more years of service out of the block is still beneficial. Replacing the manifolds is not an inexpensive job but it is less expensive and much easier to do than replacing the entire engine.
If your boat is always run and docked only in salt water the fresh water cooling will add years to the engine's life. On the other hand, if you run the boat in fresh water or if you keep it on a trailer, fresh water cooling is not necessary.
A trailered boat can have it's engine flushed with fresh water after every use. This may not be quite as good as fresh water cooling but in your particular case I would not recommend the addition if I could flush the engine after every use in salt water.

Dear Eric,
I have a pair of Lee outriggers (Jr.), the poles are bent as a result of a low bridge. We have tried to straighten them without success. How can we handle this problem? Appreciate your response.
Arnold Katz

Dear Arnold,
I have the same type of aluminum outriggers and they were bent when a guest used one as a hand rail to climb into the boat. If there is an easy way to straighten them out I don't know what it would be.
If there is a metal shop in your area that specializes in aluminum tubing they may have the equipment required to heat and straighten the poles. This would be a fairly expensive operation

and would require proper alignment to make sure the pole was perfectly straight.

Another option would be to contact Lee Tackle Inc., 2185 N. W. 34th Ave., Miami, FL 33142, phone: 305-634-7695 and ask them if they have replacement parts for your outriggers. Be sure to specify exactly which size and model you have on your boat.

If you have damaged several sections on your outrigger your best bet will be a new set of poles. Those low bridges can have a pretty high toll.

Dear Eric,

I am going to buy a 25 foot Pro-Liner this winter. I plan to use it off Ocean City, Maryland or canyon fishing. She carries 160 gallons of fuel. I plan to power here with twin 150 horse power Mercury or Johnson outboards.

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Billy B.

Dear Billy,

With the type of set-up you are planning to buy I don't think you will have any problems reaching the offshore canyons. While it is impossible for me to predict exactly how much fuel you will use, my guess would be 15 to 20 gallons per hour running and 3 to 6 gallons per hour trolling. The only way to be sure of your fuel consumption is to test the boat yourself. Run it at your cruising RPM for an hour and then refill tank. Once you establish cruising GPH you can easily determine the tolling GPH by subtracting the extra fuel burned on a trip containing both speeds.

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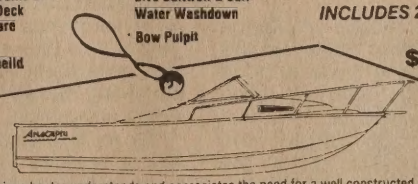

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Getting Your Feet Wet

By Ken Freel

New Jersey Fisherman editor, Ken Freel, picks up some pointers from a "regular." Dick Mermon photo.

The modern world of specialization does not end in the work place, and this is very evident in the fishing world too. Sooner or later you wake up and realize that you've "become" a big game fisherman, a fluke fisherman, a party boat fisherman or a largemouth bass fanatic. Despite this, many fishermen at one time or another during their fishing careers, feel a yearning to give surf fishing a try. If you're one of them, here's some helpful hints to get you on your way.

In order to obtain practical information on the subject of getting started in this exciting aspect of fishing, it was decided that the editors of The Fisherman would be a logical choice. After all, Tim Coleman of the New England edition; Fred Golofaro of the Long Island edition and Eric Burnley of the Delaware, Maryland, Virginia edition are all avid surf men at heart. Let's take a look at what they have to say.

Editor Tim Coleman started surf fishing in 1963. Tim suggests that you start out with a two-piece rod from 9 - 10 foot long. The Cunan, Diawa, Abu-Garcia and Penn rods were recommended. "You want to look for a rod of medium action which will handle 15 to 20 pound line. Fifteen to twenty pound line is the right weight class to go with to get started," remarked Tim. "It's easier to cast and handle and to tie knots."

When asked why you may opt for a two-piece rod over a one-piece, Tim says it's a good idea to go with a two-piece for easier storage. Also, since you may find out that surf fishing isn't your game, you won't need to go out and buy a roof or bumper rack until you're sure. Later, when you're certain about surf fishing, you may opt for a one-piece custom rod made from a Kennedy Fisher blank such as the one Tim currently uses.

Fred Golofaro, editor of the Long Island edition has had the striper bug ever since that first one he caught from a bridge at the tender age of seven. For the past five years he's been a professional surf guide on the Island, and a darned good one too. He recommends finding out what tackle shop in your area caters to surf clientele, then going there to get "fitted" properly. Regarding tackle, he says to keep it as simple as possible.

"Go for quality equipment like the Penn Spinfisher series. These types of reels are a very basic, dependable reel suitable for the surf. Look for simplicity in any reel you buy. No fancy stuff."

Fred says an 11½ foot rod is the standard surf stick along much of the coast and is ideal for the open beach. Most people will start out with a bigger rod and buy a smaller one for different conditions. A good compromise rod is a 10 to 10½ footer which is suitable for a variety of conditions, especially the graphite models.

When first starting out he says it's important to concentrate on two different areas. "Concentrate on two areas that are affected differently, like open ocean versus the back side of an inlet. Learn these areas well and get to understand the tides and currents. In the inlets you'll be more concerned with currents, whereas in the ocean the tide will be one of the most important factors. Learning these different areas will be a big step into learning the ways of surf fishing. It will also give you the knowledge and options you'll need when one area proves more productive than another."

One final note from Fred regards the use of bait (despite his own preference for lures) and the recommendation to join a local surf club. "Don't overlook the virtue of baitfishing. It's the easiest way to connect when getting started. The most important thing when your on the beach is to be observant, especially of those surf men who are catching. And, if you really want to get involved in a positive way with surf fishing and learn the "ropes" quickly, then join a local surf club."

Editor Eric Burnley began surf fishing some time in the early 50's. He recommends a two-piece graphite rod of 10 to 11 feet depending upon you're physical size. If you are over 6 feet tall or more, then an 11 foot rod may be your best bet. Anyone under 6 feet may feel more comfortable while using a 10 footer. The whole idea in selecting a rod is to make sure you will have a good "feel" for your equipment so that you can put it to its best use.

Eric feels a two-piece rod is not the handicap it used to be. "Today's two-piece rods come with graphite to graphite ferrules or ferrules of like structure. You don't lose any action with these types of rods. In earlier times the ferrules were made of steel which fitted into the glass rod. These old type rods lost a lot of action

at the ferrule because they weren't made from compatible materials."

In the Delaware, Maryland, Virginia areas that Eric fishes, strippers, or rock bass, are not as prevalent as in the more norther waters. Therefore, many southern surfcasters seek bluefish and smaller species like the croaker, spot and kingfish. Two of the best ways to catch these shoreline squatters is with the single and double hook bottom rigs.

"For bluefish I like to use the single hook bottom rig with a 6 to 8 inch piece of 40 pound braided wire leader from Berkley. This braided wire comes complete with sleeves. I attach a 3/0 to 5/0 stainless steel hook ot one end of the wire. Place a float above the hook on the wire and attach the other end of the wire leader to a three-way swivel. The second eye of the swivel gets a snap swivel to hold the sinker and the line to reel is tied to the third eye. You'll be set for any bluefish that comes along."

Eric uses a two-hook rig when the quarry is smaller. "Go with a 2 to 3 foot length of 30 lb. leader material. Make a surgeon's loop on either end of the leader: one will be used for the sinker and the other to tie the line to reel. In between form two dropper loops. On these loops you place your snelled hooks. Make sure the snelled hook's leaders are 6 to 8 inches long."

A consensus on reels indicates that spinning outfits would get the nod for most "new" fisherman to the sport of surf fishing. This is based primarily on the fact that spinning outfits are generally easier to use than their conventional counterparts. Look for a reel, either spinning or conventional, that will hold at least 200 yards of 15 pound test line. Whatever your particular reel holds, just make sure to fill the spool to its capacity. You'll probably never need all of that yardage, however, the wider diameter of such a spool filled with the proper test line will help gain maximum casting distance.

Some of the best metal lures to try out include the Hopkins "No Equal" or "Shorty," the Acme Kastmaster and standard diamond jig and tube combos. Plugs include swimmers by Bomber, Rebel and Cordell. A couple of needlefish and poppers should also be included in your plug bag. With lures of the same type, such as swimming plugs, be sure to have at least a couple of different sizes: buy one 4", one 6" and one 7" size. Also, keep a heavy lure such as an A27 diamond jig for those rough water conditions when you need to go deep. There are literally hundreds of lures that will work so you should start out with the few that are mentioned above, then add to your collection from experience.

Another thing to remember about surf fishing: It is one of the most demanding types of fishing. If you're not "there" when the fish are, then you're out of luck. Increase your chances of catching by learning the beaches you fish. Try fishing in the early morning or evenings and late at night. Some beaches are best fished at low tide while others are better during high water conditions. Surf fishing is hard and patience is a virtue, but the rewards can be great for those willing to put in the time.

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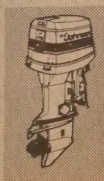

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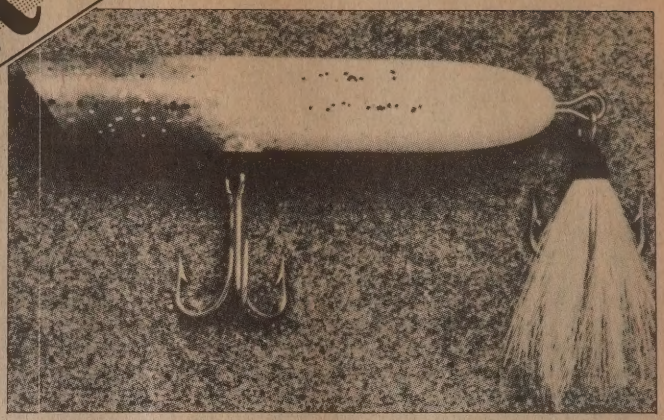

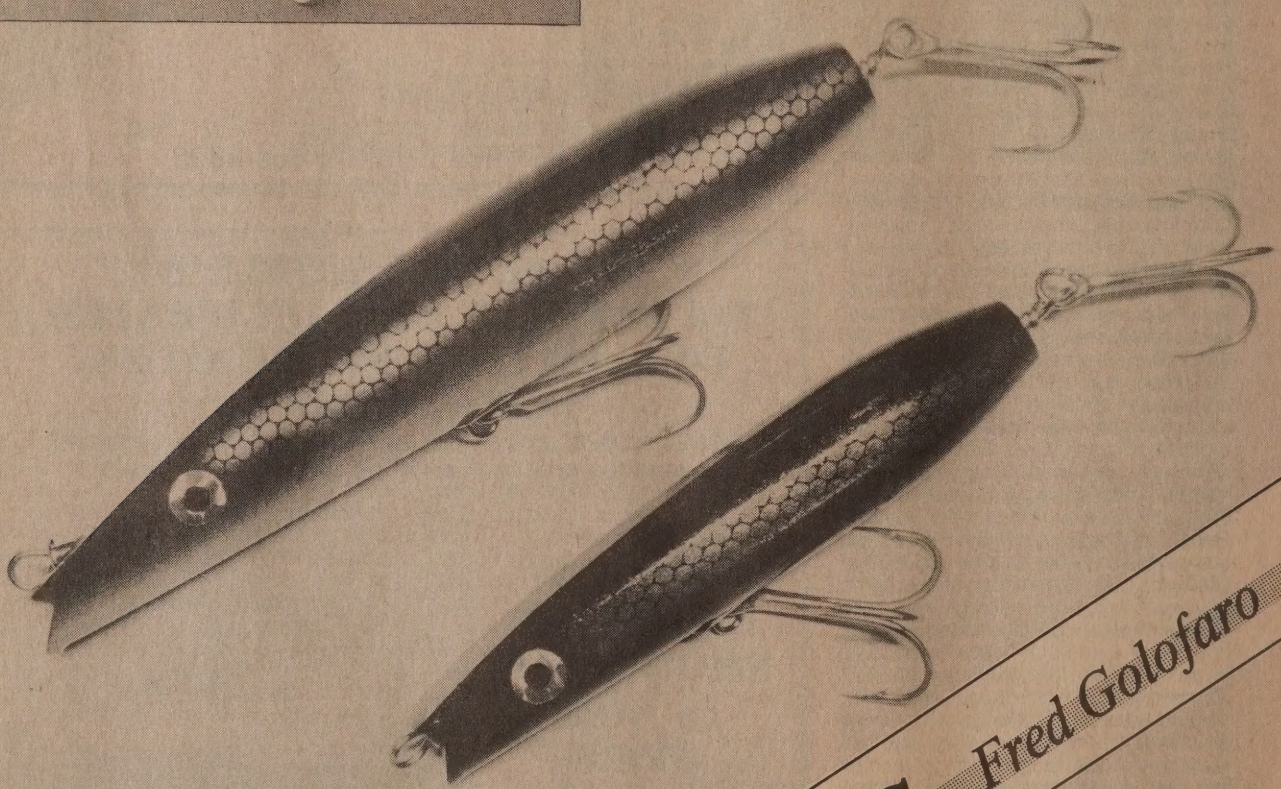

Surf Plugs

Fred Golofaro

Surf fisherman who prefer to feed wood and plastic impersonations of local bait-fish to blues, stripers and weaks, have been plagued by the disappearance of some of their favorite plugs over the

years. Some of the more resourceful among us have resorted to turning out similar versions in basement workshops while many others simply cling to the few lures they have been able to beg, steal or "borrow" from fellow surfmen.

Plugs like the old Herter's popper are still very much in demand on the coast though they haven't been available for close to ten years. Those casters who still maintain a stock, guard it jealously and rarely leak the existence of them to even their best friends.

The Creek Club popper disppeared from tackle shop shelves for a time but has since made a return. Unfortunately, it came back wearing a much higher price tag and lacking the same quality of the original. You still have the option of revigging this newer version with stainless through-wire, a quality swivel and 3x strong hooks.

Stan Gibbs Lures, longtime manufacturer of a host of surf favorites, dealt the beach crowd a shocking blow when they announced that they were dropping several plugs from thier line. The announcement that the classic Gibbs Darter was among those to be discontinued started a virtual panic in some parts of the Northeast.

Well, it appears the tide has turned and there is every reason to believe that the growing demand for surf oriented plugs will be met this Fall. Through much of the Northeast and down through the Mid-Atlantic coast last Fall, the demand for popping plugs simply could not be met. That should not be a problem this season.

Smoker Baits of Warwick, Rhode Island (401-943-0520), a major manufacturer of offshore trolling lures, has introduced a new high impact, polymer popping plug to the market in time for the height of the surf season. Tagged the "Proppa Popper," this extremely durable plastic plug measures 6 inches and weighs in at two ounces.

I field tested a prototype of this plug back in June and found I was able to keep it working on the surface with a moderately slow retrieve. This is often the key to raising sluggish blues and stripers to the surface. Also, the exaggerated concave head of this plug can create plenty of commotion when needed with little effort. Smoker Baits has a reputation for meeting demand, so it's a good bet you'll find many tackle shop shelves well stocked with "Proppa Poppas."

Super Strike Lures, located in South Farmingdale, New York (516-249-8019) are synonomous with quality and the ability to produce fish. Don Musso is a perfectionist and this trait is evident in all of his design, testing and manufacturing efforts.

The surf crowd will be glad to hear that Musso has introduced a plastic popping plug of his own to the market. Dubbed the "Little Neck," the lure is available in 4¼ and 5¼ lengths weighing 1½ and 2⅜ ounces. The plug's design and balance make this one a dream to cast. It too can be worked with a moderately slow retrieve, creating that lazy popping effect that stripers in particular, find so appealing. Another plus for this finely crafted artificial is the ability to slow down the retrieve which will produce a swimming action comparable to a metal-lipped swimmer. In effect, you can count on this plug to serve double duty among your surf arsenal.

Shorter, stubbier versions of the needlefish have gained popularity in recent years. Super Stike is meeting that demand with the creation of the "Bullet." This plug has already proven itself with extensive field testing on Long Island's north shore, at Montauk and along the Rhode Island coast. This plug also casts well and is available in a 4½" length and in weights of 1⅛ and 1⅝ ounces to satisfy a wider range of surf conditions.

Helping to fill the void in wood plugs left by Stan Gibbs Lures' decision to reduce production, are the plugs being manufactured by Gag's Grabber Lures of Agawam, Massachusetts 413-786-3554. Gags has introduced a pair of well made darters measuring 5 and 7 inches and weighing 2 and 3 ounces. Also available are a pair of Bottle Plugs weighing in at 2 and 3½ ounces. I have not had the opportunity to field test these plugs myself, but I'm told by Gag's Grabber rep Dick Mermon that both models have already proven themselves on Long Island, New England and Jersey beaches. They should be easy to locate in many tackle shops in time for the Fall surf season.

This Fall should provide a good test for these newcomers to the surf scene. Surf fishermen are among the most critical and demanding where equipment is concerned, and it will be up to them to decide which of these plugs are destined to become old standbys and which ones will fall by the wayside.

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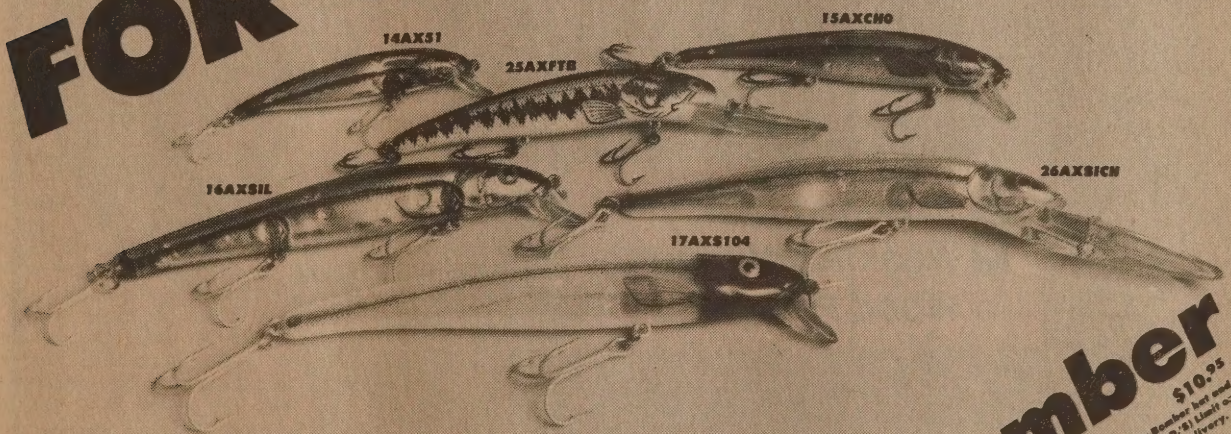

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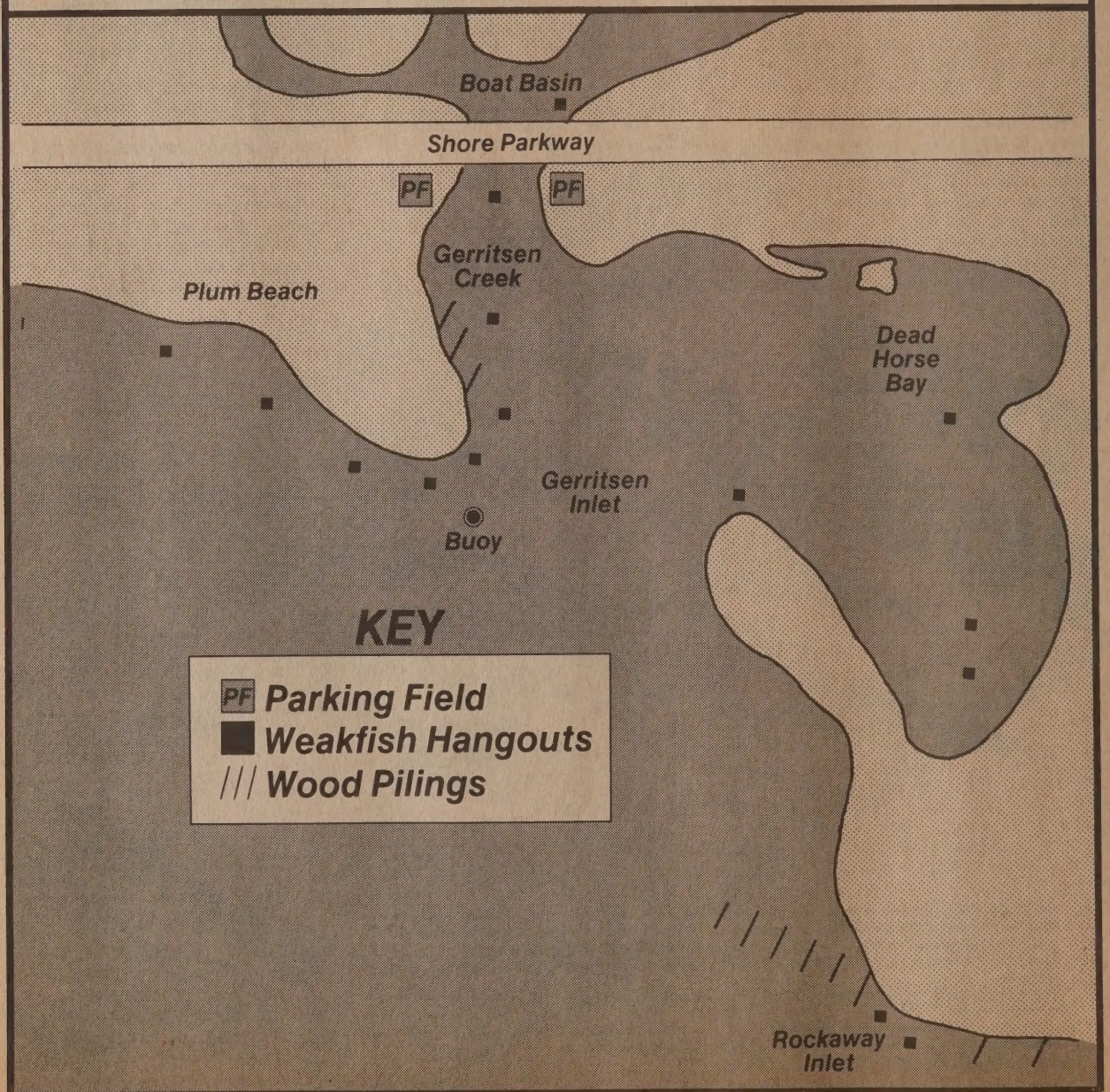

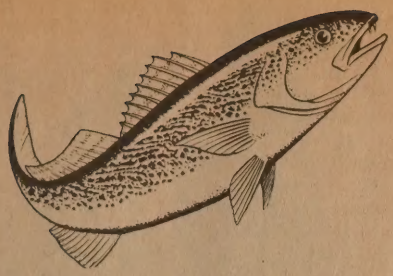

Only after what must have been my fiftieth cast directed, and it's junction with Gerritsen's Inlet and Creek, did boredom finally take hold. Casting had become almost mechanical as I stood waist-deep with passing blue claw crabs absorbing most of my concentration. Suddenly, I was jotted back as an arm-long weakfish nailed my plug. Following it's swirling attack on my plug, the hooked weak steadily muscled off, taking twenty feet of ten pound monofilament from my Penn 450SS spool. Panicked once again by the solid resistance provided by my nine foot graphite rod, the yellowfin took off again but this run was the last. With luck still on my side, the spent yellowfin glided aimlessly onto an exposed sand bar. During all of this activity, it was hard to believe that a short distance behind me, Shore Parkway traffic was busily zipping along, obvious to my successful efforts.

Plum Beach is situated between Sheepshead Bay's mouth and Dead Horse Bay. The constantly shoaled boat channel that connects Gerritsen Inlet to Gerritsen Creek tends to attract weakfish first in June, then again in in September. One reason why weakfish roam through this waterway is because of the large schools of mossbunker that each summer run back into both Sheepshead Bay and Gerritsen Creek to escape marauding schools of blues, weaks and bass.

When seeking weakfish where bluefish are competing for bunker, seek yellowfins downtide of where the bunkers are being mauled, or after the bluefish frenzy quiets down. Weaks don't really like competing with large bluefish for bunker (they'll be eaten too!) They prefer to seek out crippled baitfish or pieces left behind by raiding blues.

There will be times where snagging, then livelining a frisky mossbunker will interest big weakfish. Generally though, using lures that imitate bunker, smelt, mullet, snappers or butterfish, will help the Plum Beach angler to cover more water and locate feeding weaks faster.

As for plugs, 4½ and 6 inch Bombers are favorites here as are similar sized redfins. Colorwise, yellow, white, grey/blueback and pink plugs coax hungry weaks. And remember, cast far and retrieve your plug ultra-slow right to your feet. Since weakfish are notorious for grabbing a plug's tail hook, I remove my plug's rear treble and replace it with a bucktailed single Siwash.

Since smaller plugs are popular here, 10 to 12 lb. test line and medium action (2M or 2F) nine foot graphite spin rods will handle casting-hooking and landing duties for the Plum Beach angler. A high quality spin reel with silk-smooth reel drag and a spool capacity of (at least) 200 yards of 12 lb. monofilament will suffice nicely. Penn, Daiwa, and Shimano all make fine spin reels that are durable. With regular maintenance after each trip, such as removing grit and salt deposits, then relubing reel parts with grease or oil where need by, your spinning reel should give you many years of pleasure-filled fishing.

Another requirement that most certainly will be needed is either a wetsuit and wading shoes or lightweight chest waders. At Plum Beach, the plugging angler must wade out to the drop offs where weakfish lurk (sometimes fifty-odd yards off shore). Also, in the few locals where pilings abound, the wading fisherman has to wade beyond these obstructions to present his plug to yellowfins without sacrificing plug (on snags) and/or fish. And please, don't jog your way through the water! Wading where drop offs exist can be dangerous. Move slow and before leaning forward with your full weight, ease your foot ahead.

Furthermore, wear a light-colored hat when wading. Boaters steering through this waterway may not see you until it's too late if you blend in with the darkness. For those wearing chest waders, be forewarned not to wade out too deep. Waves from passing boats will flood your chest waders and reaching shore can become a death-defying feat.

I fail to see why any fisherman needs a light to exchange lures. A light beamed across the water will spook feeding weaks just like that. Using a small black snap swivel (the author uses Berkley Crossloks) makes exchanging plugs so easy. And if you must use a flashlight, retreat to shore before you do. Also, splashing while wading is just as likely to spook fish as flashing lights and boat traffic. Remember, the less noticeable you are to other anglers, the less likely you'll be to spook feeding weakfish while wading.

Onc circumstance that dictates better weakfishing is when south winds push baitfish close to Plum Beach during a rising tide. The Gerritsen Creek sector of the beach is the spot to be under these conditions. Depending on what baitfish are present inside the creek, match the forage with plug size and color and try to imitate the baits swimming motion with your plug.

Plum Beach is easily reached by turning north off Knapp Street in Sheepshead Bay onto Shore Parkway. You'll find two parking lots stationed next to the Gerritsen Basin Bridge.

Both Gerritsen Basin and Dead Horse Bay are weakfish territory, too. Dead Horse Bay is good during summertime, but after early September (when boat traffic thins out), Gerritsen Basin is known to harbor some record-size tiderunners for bait fishermen. A standard conventional surf outfit, such as Penn's Squidder filled with 25 lb. mono mounted on a ten foot conventional rod (beefy like Lami's SB 121 3M rod blank) will do the job nicely.

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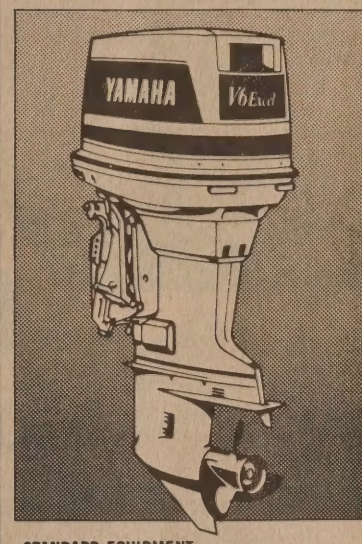

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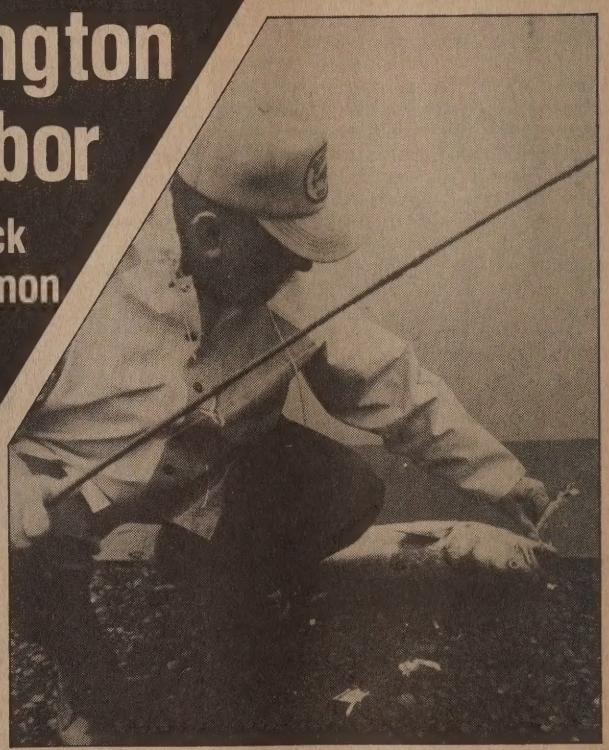

In reality, fishermen are basically like postmen, for neither rain, snow, sleet, or whatever, will deter them. This is particularly true when there is a bluefish blitz in any of the northshore harbors of Long Island. Each year, from August through October, one can almost predict the awesome assault which occurs within these confined locations--particularly, inside Huntington Harbor.

George Valentine, proprietor of Four Winds Tackle Shop, Huntington Station, N.Y., alerted me to this fishing several years ago. I permitted the annual occurrance to bypass me each season until last autumn when I observed the astonishing events, firsthand.

Huntington Harbor is but one location where bluefish waylay massive schools of menhaden, and it is the combination of wind direction and tide which produces an almost predictable pattern of assault.

Menhaden, customarily, swim facing into a wind. Since the harbor is situated on a north/south direction, strong southerly breezes and a flooding tide will cause the baitfish to seek protection within the harbor. When these golden-hued prey enter the mouth between Lloyd Neck and Eaton's Neck, the bluefish, which by now have established themselves in the Sound, begin the onslaught by first pushing the bunker towards the western shore pocket. Here, boat-fishermen encounter high-spirited action first. As the aggression continues, the bunker seek any security available, but find none as they reach the town docks and bulkheads.

Stationed along both shorelines on floating docks, landing piers, and wharfs are the land-based anglers waiting their turn to cast a lure, live bunker or even a chunk into the skittish menhaden being hounded by the blues. The first signs of assault are a rippling effect of the surface by schools of bunker, along with their "flipping" gyrations. As the calm wanes, the baitfish begin acting more nervous, tightening their group into small circles or balls. Once this occurs, they begin to scurry in a zigzag pattern. Still, the telltale sign for casting is a violent surface explosion accompanied by a spray of water as baitfish erupt in a hopeless attempt to escape their assailants.

As activity starts, anglers armed with weighted snaghooks on their lines cast into a menhaden school and snare a baitfish, then allowing it to swim free. Ironic as it may be, this cripple is the one a bluefish will single out for attack. When bluefish are extremely aggressive (and they usually are at this time), even a chunk of bunker can catch a fish.

Although natural forage is their primary target, these bluefish do attack artificial lures. Large poppers worked on the surface, or a darter, moved along at a rapid pace just below the surface, pay dividends. However, the favorite of most shorebound anglers is oversized wooden swimming lures and big #l7 Bombers, which are cast among the moored boats and slowly retrieved. One never knows where a monster blue will ascend from when they begin chasing bunker.

One of these bluefish bonanzas may last for several hours or be over within an hour. When the fish do depart, most anglers merely sit back and relax to wait for another helter-skelter bout. There is no set time of day when these lively foraging sprees may occur. As long as there are menhaden remaining within the harbor area, the excitement might resume. Nevertheless, these feeding frenzies most often persist well over two hours.

Bluefish which arrive during mid-August are truly tackle-busters in size, ranging from twelve to over twenty pounds in weight. In fact, George had weighed a twenty-two pound ten ounce blue last September that came from the the Harbor. One thing is certain about this type of bluefishing--weather maintains little control over the fishing. There could be rain or sunshine, it makes no difference as long as a southerly breeze persists along with schools of menhaden. Once you have the combination, you can count on helter-skelter action in Huntington Harbor.

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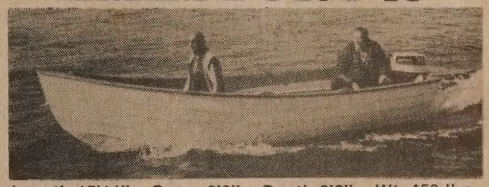

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Top Surf Spots

Matunuck: Rhode Island

By Tim Coleman

The rocky reef at Matunuck on the south shore of the state of Rhode Island is an ideal spot for the man who likes to travel a bit during the fall and only has the family car for transport. Readers with only a two wheel drive vehicle can easily reach the state parking lot close to the beach. The white water and bass holes are but a short walk from the time you slam the trunk shut.

To reach this area you should exit Interstate 95 at the last exit in Connecticut, the one for Pawcatuck-North Stonington. Take a right at the bottom of the ramp, then continue down this road until you see the signs for Route 78. Follow Route 78 (you can only go one way) down to Route One. Take a left on Route One then follow this all the way until you see the green sign for the Matunuck turnoff. Follow this road all the way down to the water. It will take a turn to the left past an ice cream place, then past a couple of bars on the right, then some houses. Just after the houses the road will make another turn to the left. At this junction is where you want to look to the right to the water. You'll see a dirt lot with boulders splitting it down the middle. This is the state lot. You can park here 24 hours a day as long as you don't make a slob of yourself.

What faces you to seaward is a long reef made up of smooth, round stones anywhere from softball to bowling ball size. On any kind of breeze a respectable surf builds up along the face of the reef. Here is the place people with chest waders and raintops cast poppers during the day and Needlefish at night, out over the breaking seas. Your catch will be mostly school bass and blues when the time is right but the numbers of bass are coming back all the time. During the past couple of springs, Matunuck was the scene of some excellent schoolie action from the middle of April through the mid-point of May.

If you walk either east or west along the sand, you'll encounter two spots where the reef drops away to deeper water. The hole on your east is Deep Hole, well known to the locals. Here is a good place to try flinging live eels once the sun sets or perhaps some light tackle fishing, if that's your game. After minimal eyeballing you'll see the point where the reef gives way to Deep Hole. The prudent fishermen will wait until the outgoing tide drops about halfway, then work out along the cut casting as he goes. Readers unfamiliar should wait until the half tide point for safety sake. During the top of most incoming tides, the reef proper is covered

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Robert Moses State Park Long Island, NY

By Fred Golofaro

This section of Long island's South Shore has provided me with a stockpile of fond memories over the years. November blitzes with slammer blues at field #4, blues and stripers filling the crest of waves during September northeasters at Democrat Point, tiderunner weaks in the quiet and solitude of the "backside" and big stripers creating boulder size boils as they rise to oversized wooden swimming plugs, have created a special fondness for this easily accessible state park.

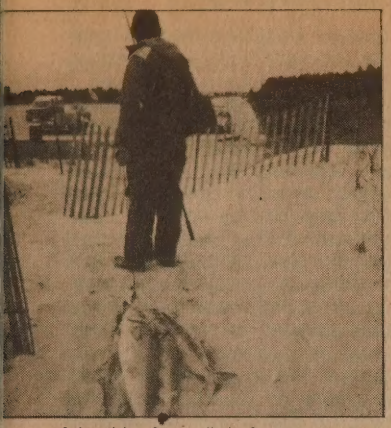
Robert Moses provides and abundance of access for two wheel drive surfmen and also provides limited acess for beach buggy equipped anglers. Acquiring the proper permits should be a top priority for anyone planning on fishing this area. The are available to N.Y. State residents and non-residents, alike.

Beach Vehicle Permits can be purchased for $25.00 prior to the end of April and again after Labor Day. Equipment requirements include: spare tire, jack, jack board, tow rope, shovel, tire inflation device, tire pressure gauge, flashlight, and a portable toilet. Also, you must have appropriate surf fishing equipment in your possession at the time you purchase your permit. This required equipment and tackle must be carried at all times when the permit is in use. The Beach Vehicle Permit allows access to one of the areas better known surf spots, Democrat Point, located at the westernmost tip of the park. This same permit also allows Four-Wheel-Drive access, where provided, in Long Island's other state parks.

If you pursue the sport from your car, you will find plenty of opportunities here. In order to take full advantage of them however, you will need to purchase a Night Fishing Permit for ten dollars. This permit is also made available to non-residents for the same ten dollar fee. It too, is available only prior to the end of April and again after Labor Day. It allows you to access to all of Long Island's state parks (with the exception of Caumsett) between the hours of sunset and sunrise and also provides access to Parking Field #4 between sunrise and sunset during the Fall.

For beach buggy anglers, the Beach Vehicle Permit additionally provides the same benefits as the Night Fishing Permit, eliminating the need to purchase both permits. Permits are available at the park office (516-669-0449) adjacent to the fishing piers and also at state park headquarters (516-669-1000) located in Belmont Lake State Park.

Working from west to east, Democrat Pt. gets most of the ink here and is a magnet to the beach buggy set and also to walkers willing to trudge the 1½ miles or so from Parking Field #2. The Point is marked by a jetty (a rockpile might be more appropriate), which extends only a short distance beyond the wash. Nevertheless, the pocket formed on jetty's west side does have a tendency to produce



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Jersey Shore: "Jetty Row"

By Ken Freel

Stretching along a 25 mile section of the Jersey coastline from Sandy Hook to Manasquan are some of the northeast coast's most prolific striped bass fishing spots bar none. For many out-of-staters these areas are collectively known as the "Jersey Shore," a favorite for sun worshipers of all ages. For the surf fisherman this area offers unlimited potential for big stripers, weakfish and blues, especially during September and October. It can even be exceptionally productive through December.

A good place to start is at Sandy Hook in the Gateway National Park. This is easy to reach by taking the Garden State Parkway to exit 117, then heading east along route 36 until you see the signs for the park. This involves bearing to the right through a jughandle in order to make a left just before Ocean Ave. You can go no further than Ocean Ave., so getting lost is not easy to do. After making the jughandle, the signs will guide you right into the park itself.

Gateway National Park charges $2 per carload on weekdays, and $3 per carload during weekends. These fees, however, are only in effect from Memorial Day to Labor Day. After that, there is no charge. However, anyone interested in fishing must stop at the gate and receive a fishing sticker. Your stop may also bring you information from a park ranger concerning the latest fishing reports.

The point of Sandy Hook is an obvious place to look for fish. This point is at the northern most end of the hook. The beaches here drop off rapidly, thus long casting to get into fish is not necessary. Also, the Sandy Hook Channel runs a few hundred yards away from the tip of this point and acts as a natural "fish funnel" for stripers, bluefish and the occasional weakie. Other places in the park that have produced their share of nice fish

include the North & South beach areas. These two spots have small jetty rockpiles that offer good structure for marauding bass. Parking is plentiful here and the beaches are beautiful, despite the garbage problems that plagued the coast during the past summer. Although beach buggying is not allowed anywhere in the park, many surf fishermen drive up and down the park roads on a look out for working birds. It's always a good idea to take a short "scenic" tour when the fishing is slow.

The fishing opportunities do not stop in the park itself. Glancing at the New Jersey state map you'll notice the towns of Long Branch, Deal, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Bradley Beach, Avon, Belmar, Spring Lake, Sea Girt and Manasquan. Each has specific jetty areas that, at times, especially during the Fall season, offer superb surf and jetty fishing. If you start out from Sandy Hook all you do is go south, following Ocean Ave. The ocean will be to your left as you head south and to your right as you head north. It couldn't be easier. However, there are only certain jetties that you'll want to try to keep you out of trouble with local authorities. These jetties were picked because they offer

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Pea Island Cape Hatteras

By Eric Burnley

Most of the surf fishermen who visit Cape Hatteras each year bring a four wheel drive beach buggy along and ride the beach looking for fish. While there are parking areas for walk-on fishermen at each access ramp, most are a long way from the water.

The Pea Island portion at the north end of Hatteras Island is the exception to this situation. When I first went down to Cape Hatteras there were portions of Pea Island still open to vehicles but the continued erosion of the beach has made travel by beach buggy impossible. This same erosion has brought the beach much closer to the road and this benefits the walk-on angler. Eventually I suspect the sea will claim the road but until that happens we can enjoy the benefits of a short walk to the water.

There are three easy access points to Pea Island. As you cross the Oregon Inlet Bridge from the north you will find a road on your left just past the Coast Guard Station. Follow this back to a parking area where you can easily fish the inlet or the surf.

The currents running through here are very swift and have eroded the beach at an accelerated rate over the past few years. The deep cuts and sand bars created by this erosion provide structure that attracts just about every type of fish you can expect to catch in the Hatteras surf. Red drum, bluefish, spotted sea trout and flounder are the most common catch with Spanish mackerel, little tunny and an assortment of bottom fish taken throughout the year.

A few miles further down the beach is a small parking area near the Boiler Wreck. Due to the restricted parking space this piece of beach is lightly fished but there are some very good sloughs, bars and holes here that have excellent fishing potential.

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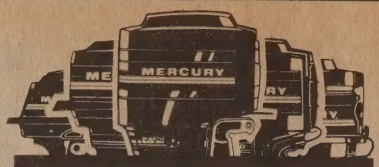

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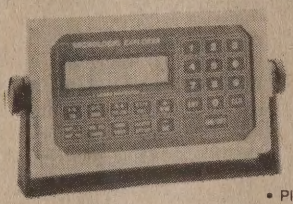

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with white water. Most fishermen will back away until the water drops to fishable levels.

Down to the west of the reef you'll encounter another area where the rocks drop way to deeper water. This area is known as Carpenters Bar. The bar itself can be waded on the dropping tide or an enterprising fisherman could fish the sand beach just a bit to the west where the rocks stop and sand starts. We've seen some nice fish come out of here just after the change, from high water to outgoing, before other spots on the reef proper are fishable.

Tackle for Matunuck should be ten to eleven foot rods with 17 to 20 pound line for spinners and 20 or heavier for conventional work. At the risk of being repetitive, please don't overlook the two dropoffs if you've got a couple eels to drown. We've had some stellar nights in the middle 1970s fishing Deep Hole on a roaring southwester, then had some equally promising action on the dropoff at Carpenters during the ebb tide of the first night of a northeaster. Once the east wind blows through more than one coming tide, the corner at Carpenters tends to gunk up.

While the reef at Matunuck is noted for its scenic white water, we've watched knowledgable anglers pull nice fish off the face of the reef on calm nights. They would wait around until the coming tide turned their way, then work the whole face from Deep Hole on down. In the pancake water this was easy to do and they were rested since they hadn't done much on the drop. This tactic can often be coupled with solitary fishing if the ebbing tide completed its cycle around midnight. On a Tuesday night most people were home in bed; anybody left had whatever fish were coming to themselves.

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ticularly for big blues from mid-October through November. Last year this area was a major disappointment but we'll have to wait and see what this fall brings. In the past, deep water adjacent to the beach seems to have been the key to it's productivity.

The "backside" of the park, adjacent to the normally calm inlet waters area particularly worth canvassing after dark. Stripers and weaks are likely targets, particularly if schools of bunker are working through the area.

Minnon shaped swimmers like the 6 and 7" Bombers are popular for working the inlet's waters. On the open beach, 2-3 oz. tins and diamond jig and tube combos are the most popular daytime tool but popping plugs catch their share of blues and bass as well. At night, needlefish plugs and darters see heavy use on the oceanfront. Cut bait in the form of bunker and mackerel and live eels are favorites of the baitfishing set.

It's not likely you'll find much solitude here in the Fall, but the comraderie among casters at this popular surf spot actually adds to the atmostphere of surf fishing the way it should be!

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easy access plus good parking in the general area.

From north to south, you should try out the following jetties: In North Long Branch, the Atlantic Ave. jetty; in Long Branch, the West End jetty; in Deal, the Phillips Ave. jetty; in Asbury Park, the Deal Lake jetty, also known as the Flume jetty; in Ocean Grove, the McClintock jetty; in Bradley Beach, at Brinley Ave.; in Avon, at Garfield Ave.; in Belmar, the 16th Ave. jetty; in Spring Lake, the "Fishermen's" jetty, which is the first jetty after leaving Belmar, just past the large brick gate abutments between the towns. Also, the St. Claire and Brown Ave jetties are productive. There is an access point for fishermen at Morris Ave. to reach some other good jetties. Be sure to stay off the dunes as there is a $500 fine for walking across the same. In Sea Girt look for the Trenton Ave. jetty and in Manasquan there's a good, worn out jetty off of Riddle Way that holds the fish very well.

If you're a true "dyed in the wool" surf fisherman, then there ought to be some time in your life when you will try this 25 mile stretch of the Jersey Shore. This area does not get the acclaim like Point Judith or Montauk Point, but nevertheless, you'll be hard pressed to find any area that offers so many fishing opportunities just a hop, skip and a jump from your car or beach buggy. Hope to see you out there sometime with a big Fall striper battling at the end of your line.

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Island is directly across from the maintenance garage a few hundred yards below the rest area. You will find a dozen parking spots on the ocean side of the road and a very large parking area adjacent to the garages. When the big blues are in, as they were last November, you will find cars lined up and down Route 12 for a mile or more in each direction.

There is a very deep slough along the beach at this site and it becomes a highway for big bluefish migrating south in the fall. I spent several days driving the beaches north and south of the Point last year but ended up parking my new four wheel drive Ramcharger by the maintenance garage and catching giant bluefish from the beach across the road.

The best fishing along here in 1987 was during the last part of November when a cold front brought northwest winds of 35 miles per hour. The high dunes between the road and the beach gave us some protection but it was still cold fishing.

Cut bait worked better than lures, possible due to the cold water, and you had most of your strikes just inside of the outer bar. I captured an 18 pound citation blue which was also the biggest bluefish I had ever landed.

If some of you have put off making a trip to Hatteras because you don't have a four wheel drive vehicle, you might want to consider Pea Island where driving on the beach is unnecessary but the fishing is just as productive as anywhere along the Outer Banks.

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Bucktails Will Do

By Russ Wilson

Perched atop a spray-covered rock, Ed Turnbill cast repeatedly to a pocket of white water marking an area where waves pushed by an easterly breeze smashed into the jetty.

It looked "fishy," and with more than twenty year's experience at reading water to back up his gut feeling, Ed knew it harbored a striped bass. What he could not fathom, was how to get the fish to eat.

Knowing a spot has the necessary make-up to attract a bragging size line-sider and getting the fish to respond to a bait or lure are what separates the expert from the novice. Some nights it's almost too easy and at other times, for reasons known only to gamefish, you can't buy a hit. Ed soon discovered, it was a night when a bankroll fat enough to choke a horse didn't help.

Lures that always get results went untouched and it was obvious Ed was getting nervous. He had every right to be, a slender body sub-surface swimmer was ignored. Ditto for the rigged eel he had meticulously assembled the previous afternoon. Even a plug and teaser combo, usually deadly medicine for seducing finicky stripers, didn't draw a sniff.

Finally, more of desperation than past experience, Ed pulled a two ounce lead-head from his shoulder bag, tied it to the end of his leader, attached a four inch strip of Uncle Josh pork rind to the 6/0 hook and let fly.

He didn't get more than a half dozen turns on the reel handle when the lead-head stopped dead in its tracks. It was as though the lure had slammed head-on into a brick wall. Thinking the bucktail was snagged, Ed reared back on the rod and nearly had it yanked from his hands as a very surprised fish felt the razor-sharp hook dig into its bony jaw. Fifteen minutes later he dragged a 43½ lb. striped through the surf and onto the sand.

"I knew that bass was in there," Ed shouted, "but for the life of me I couldn't get it to eat. Who would have thought a fish that big would prefer a three inch bucktail to a foot long rigged eel or seven inch plug?"

Turnbill's reaction was typical of many saltwater anglers who, after catching a bragging size fish on a bucktail, wonder why it jumped on a lifeless hunk of lead and hair when larger, more appealing, offerings were available.

Every experienced Jetty Jock has his or her opinion as to why the leadhead is a fish catcher of the highest order.

I think it is because the lure can be manipulated to resemble a variety of forage species preferred by all salt and freshwater gamefish.

Savvy fishermen can make a leadhead do everything but talk and earn money. It can be cranked at flank speed to cut the surface, jigged gently to resemble a sea worm digging into the bottom, retrieved at mid-depth with a moderate speed using little or no action, or tipped with a variety of natural bait or artificial dressings to add to its built-in fish attracting appeal.

Although many savvy surf and jetty fishermen carry a selection of leadheads, few take the time to learn how, where and when to use them effectively to get the attention of a hungry gamefish.

Like many un-knowing sportsmen, Turnbill had reserved space for a few bucktails in his tackle bag for years but the only time they saw action was when he fished the bridges and inlets.

There is no doubt whatsoever a bucktail will do a job on gamefish feeding in and around inlets, near bridge abutments and in shallow waters such as flats, channel edges and drop-offs. However, as we'll try to explain, there is a lot more to being a success at bucktailing than fishing only the obvious spots.

The jetties are a logical place to start. In the hands of an experienced fisherman, they are absolutely deadly, often producing striped bass, weakfish and blues when all else fails to turn a fin.

Any Jetty Jock worth his salt should learn how to work a leadhead from the rocks. Bucktails are designed to imitate small forage species, sea worms and small invertebrates, foods that comprise the major diet of all inshore gamefish. And, unlike more costly plugs and metals, the leadhead can be used day or night in calm or rough seas.

A variety of leadheads have been time tested by guys and gals who spend their

idle time probing shore area rockpiles. Although we will not cover each and every design in detail, we'll try to pick out those that have produced for us in the past.

The lima bean shape, made famous by the Upperman brothers, two New Jersey striped bass experts, was originally designed to sink fast and run straight on the retrieve.

In addition to seducing untold numbers of prize winning striped bass, tiderunner weakfish and slammer blues, the Upperman style leadhead has accounted for

squid or grass shrimp just by adjusting the speed of your retrieve.

Lure weight also plays an important part in this game. A light bucktail, say one weighing 1/4 to 1 ounce, does not have as fast a sink rate as a 2 to 4 ounce model. It can be worked on or near the surface at a moderate speed. Heavy weight leadheads can be manipulated in similar fashion, but only if the retrieve speed is increased, often to a point making the lure unattractive to the fish.

I suggest having a selection of different style leadheads in weights ranging from

helps is questionable, but there is no doubt a larger appearing lure will often catch fish that do not respond to a plain bucktail.

I feel the key to being a success at bucktailing is in the way the lure is retrieved.

The majority of novice anglers and some experienced fishermen have the mistaken impression that it is necessary to work a leadhead vigorously in order to catch. Nothing could be more off base. Keep in mind, you are attempting to imitate a natural bait.

tuna, bonito, false albacore, dolphin and most predatory species that eat smaller fish.

Other designs having a cut-out mouth, boxing glove shape, round ball, fish head silhouette, extended eyes and a squared face, are as good or better in some situations.

The extended or "bug" eye models, for example, are usually weighted at the nose and will dig deep into a heavy current, making them ideal for use in rough seas, around inlets and bridges or when probing deep water where a heavy lure is needed to plumb the depths.

Blunt nose, bullet shape and open-mouth leadheads can be worked to imitate a crippled minnow, sea worm,

1/2 to 2½ ounce.

You'll find it is also advantageous to carry lures in several colors. White is the most popular followed by yellow, black, green, blue or color combinations of white and yellow, red and white, green and white, or black and white.

The addition of a few strips of silver Mylar interspiced with the bucktail or feather dressing adds flash and gives the lure a more lifelike appearance. The Mylar should be tied in so it extends slightly past the hairs or feathers.

Pork rind, plastic worm, squid strip, dead fish, a piece of shedder crab, or shrimp will provide a larger silhouette and at the same time give the lure a fish-appealing scent. Whether or not the scent

Small fish do not swim in an up and down motion, that is something reserved for snakes and sea serpents. Baitfish swim in a near straight line, only the tail moving enough to attract the attention of hungry gamefish. Even a mortally wounded baitfish does not swim in a manner suggested by rapidly jigging the rod tip tomake the lure jump two or three feet each time the rod is lifted to impart action.

This technique may be very effective when you are attempting to make the bucktail imitate a sea worm, shrimp or crab, but it is not the way to catch fish feeding on or near the surface. A straight retrieve, one with just a hint of jigging action will do wonders for surf and jetty

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Bass, weaks and blues feeding near bottom are suckers for a leadhead that's given a gently jigging action. As a rule, these fish are preying upon worms, crabs or shrimp and will climb all over a bucktail that creates small puffs of sand or mud each time it lifts and drops back to bottom. But, this does not mean you should stretch your arm muscles to the limit each time you impart a jigging action to make the lure look alive.

The "Florida Whip" popular among tarpon, snook and bonefish pros, doesn't cut it in the north. I should add that it will catch bluefish, but then most any lure will catch bluefish that are bent on destroying anything that moves and doesn't eat them first.

A soft jigging action, one using only a slight lift of the rod tip to bring the lure up and off bottom several inches is more in line when attempting to imitate the natural motion of sea worms, crabs or shrimp.

The tackle you select can be equally important. A soft rod, one classed as having a parabolic action, is ideal for bucktailing. West Coast style rods, those with a very soft tip and loading swiftly toward the butt can be used, but I do feel a full flex rod that loads from tip to butt is a much better tool for this brand of fishing.

Jetty Jocks might try an 8 to 9 foot rod rated to handle 15 to 30 pound test line and lures in the 3/4 to 3 ounce range. Others who fish inlets or cast to the jetties from a boat will find a similar style 6½ to 8 foot model more appropriate.

Most any spinning or revolving spool reel having at least a four to one retrieve and a line capacity of 250 to 300 yards of 15 pound test will do fine.

You can tie the leadheads direct or use a short leader between the line and lure to keep line breaks to a minimum. A lot of experienced bucktail fishermen use two foot leader and will usually attach a small ball bearing swivel at one end of the leader to keep line twist to a minimum.

Each person has a different opinion of how the lure should be connected to the line. Some feel a small snap doesn't effect lure action and others tie direct with no loop or will use a small loop so the lure swings freely.

I prefer to tie a loop knot, feeling it provides more action to the lure and at the same time does not add any bulky hardware that might be visible to the fish.

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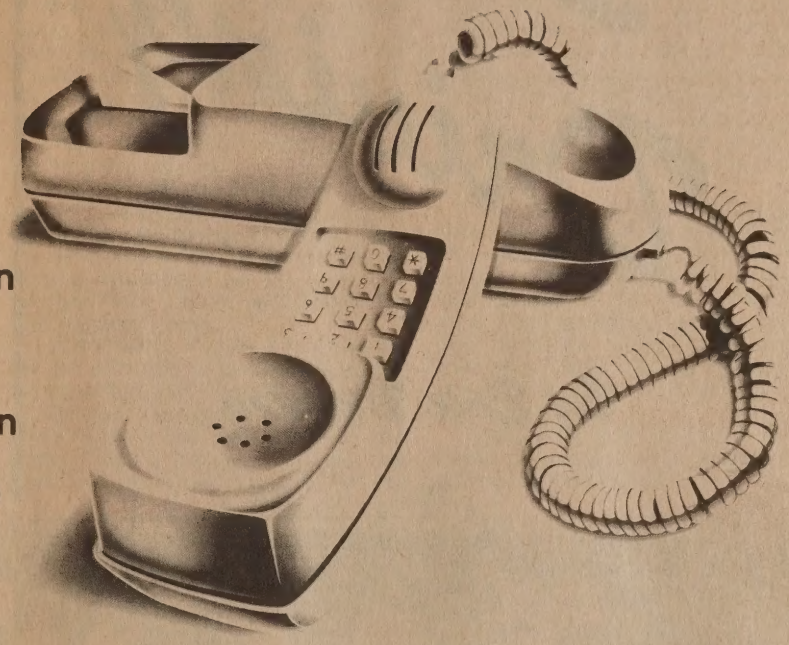

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Soft Driving

By Eric Burnley

Air pressure is the single most important factor in driving on the beach.

Driving in soft sand can be a real learning experience.

Those of us who insist on taking our vehicles to the beach with us must face certain obstacles not encountered in your everday drive to work. Deep, soft sand is the most common problem but rocks, boards, salt water, rising tides, drop-offs and sink holes also show up with unnerving regularity. People can become hazards because they may not expect to see a full sized pickup with a camper or any other vehicle lumbering down the beach. Little kids that play in the deep tire tracks are almost as distracting as young ladies in very small bathing suits.

Driving on the beach begins in the parking lot of some other safe area where you can stop to let the air down in your tires. If you try to drive in the sand with normal air pressure in your tires you may not get stuck, but you will put undo strain on your engine and transmission. When your tires are hard they sink in the sand and you end up plowing a furrow which is not what your vehicle was designed to do unless you drive a farm tractor. Soft tires float on the sand and you aren't pushing half of the beach in front of you as you drive along.

Each vehicle and tire combination requires a different air pressure. Some beaches are harder than others so you may get by with more air in your tires. I find that most four wheel drive utility vehicles and pickup trucks with regular street tread steel belted radial tires will handle all but the softest sand with 20 pounds of air in each tire.

Some people spend a lot of time worrying about what type of tires they should put on their beach buggy. If your vehicles came with normal street steel belted radials, you already have the best tire for the highway and the beach.

These tires run economically and quietly on the road and leave a very smooth footprint on the sand. The steel belt will resist but not prevent punctures and they wear like iron. You should have them rotated and balanced every 5,000 miles to prevent cupping on the front tires.

Those radical tread tires you see in the advertisements with the macho guy driving through the surf are worthless on the beach. There are special tires designed for driving on the sand but they don't have suitable tread for driving on the highway.

With your tires adjusted to 20 pounds you are ready to head for the surf. The next problem is getting over the dune line.

Most beaches that allow access to four wheel drive vehicles have designated crossings and you must use these ramps. The last thing we need is a set of tire tracks going off into the dunes where shore birds and other wildlife have set up colonies. There are many individuals and organizations who believe the beach is no place to drive your car and would like to see these areas closed to surf fishing vehicles. When someone drives into a restricted area it gives these people all the ammunition they need to drive us off the beach.

Once you are safely on the ramp you should survey the beach. Often the area directly below the ramp is the most difficult to navigate. All the buggies congregate there and the tracks often go every which way. People who are going

to get stuck usually do it here digging big holes which they never fill up. As you sit on the ramp, try to pick a reasonably smooth route through this maze and take a firm grip on the steering wheel. Sometimes power and determination are the only things that get you through this mess.

As you get closer to the surf the tracks should sort themselves out leaving one set high, above the high tide mark and one set low, below the high tide mark. If the tide is out, the lower set of tracks is usually easier to drive. The sand is damp and therefore has a harder surface. If the tide is high or rising, stick with the high road.

Driving below the high tide line has several hazards. Often there will be washouts or tide pools that you may not see until you are in them. There are also soft spots that can suck your tires in like quicksand. Keep an eye on the color and texture of the sand as you drive. If it suddenly changes, stop, get out and walk across the area. If you begin to sink in go back to your vehicle and drive around this spot.

Sometimes the hard surface of the sand below the tide line will lull you into complacently. You will be cruising along in high range at 20 to 30 miles per hour and all of the sudden you are in over your axles. This is why you should never go more than 10 or 15 miles per hour. It doesn't make sense and it is very bad PR for surf fishermen to run around like bass fishermen on the beach. If you want to drive 50 or 60 miles per hour, wait until you are on the highway or out in your bass boat, but don't try it on the beach.

Starting and stopping in the sand is a little different than starting and stopping on the road. To get going apply power with a gentle but firm foot. Don't tromp down on the accelerator unless you want to bury yourself, but too little pressure on the gas and you will either stall your stick shift or fail to move your automatic.

Once under way you must maintain steady pressure on the gas to keep moving. You will find that vehicles don't coast very far in the sand.

To stop, just take your foot off of the gas. If you are geared down in low range you may need to tap the break, but jamming on the brakes has the same result as tromping on the gas, your tires end up at the bottom of four deep holes.

When you do get stuck, and you will get stuck, the last thing you want to do is panic. Keep a cool head, break out the shovel and dig. If your tires are still pumped up, now would be a prudent time to drop the air. If you are below the high tide mark and the tide is rising you may want to panic just a bit.

Dig a path for your tires back to safe ground. This is often behind you and you will have to use reverse to get out. Clear the sand around the tires so you will not have to overcome a hill just to get momentum. Once you get moving don't stop until you reach safety.

I had a friend, Russell Timmons, who ran an International pickup of undetermined vintage with a homemade camper on the back. He would take that rig into places where I was afraid to take my little Scout. It had a low range first gear that could pull sequoia stumps and when the going got tough Russell would drop down to low. One of his passengers who was riding on the beach for the first time told Russell he was sure they were stuck as they plowed ever so slowly along in deep sand. Russell assured him they couldn't be stuck because they were still moving even though the guy could get out of the truck and walk ahead of it.

Using low range is a good idea when you encounter very soft sand or when you are trying to get out of a hole. I stayed in low all the time when I had my old Scout because it was much easier on the engine and clutch. The larger V-8 in my Ramcharger moves it easily in high range and so far I have not had to drop into low.

Each jurisdiction that regulates the beach has equipment requirements for vehicles that drive on the sand. Most require a jack, tow rope or chain, air pressure gauge, board for the jack and a shovel. The jack and board not only come in handy if you have a flat, they can also lift you off of rocks and logs, should you be so unlucky as to run onto one of those obstacles.

There are some points of courtesy that should be observed by surf fishermen who drive on the beach. Don't drive too close to parked vehicles and don't park your vehicles in the main track. Don't shine your headlights on the water at night. Don't run under another anglers lines, always keep his rods between you and the water. If you get stuck, go back and fill in the holes.

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By Tom Goodspeed

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I am not a "tournament" caster and I don't claim to be one. But I very definitely think it is a great sport and I like to watch a great caster whenever the opportunity presents itself. I certainly recognize the tremendous skills involved when a tournament caster throws his sinker more than twice the length of a football field, and I do know the joy they must feel when they wing those mighty casts. They are alone there, on center stage, and there is not a soul in the group of intent watchers who is not envious of what they have accomplished.

It was back in the sixties when I first developed an interest in distance casting as we called it back then. I had started fishing in earnest for huge 50 lb.-plus channel bass in the surf off Virginia's barrier islands along the lower Eastern Shore. And it was there, on the sands and shells of Smith Island, that I first met Claude Rogers.

Claude worked for the state and his job was running their top flight saltwater fishing tournament as well as promoting saltwater fishing in Virginia's waters. In fact, it was an article Claude had published that first drew me to those lonesome islands, where, on my first trip, my buddy and I each caught our first-ever channel bass, fish in the 47-48 lb. bracket.

In no time, Claude walked over the dunes and introduced himself and many a day since, we have fished together on those isolated sod-bank islands that lie just off of the small fishing village of Oyster, Virginia. And it was Claude who taught me how to get distance on my cast. He showed me the gear he was using, how it was rigged, and the basics of laying my casts out.

It was during that same period when I met Major Knight. Where Claude threw conventional gear, Major tossed spinning rods - and this was my kind of gear. I never did have that magic thumb that was so necessary back in those days to successful revolving-spool casting.

I had been fishing at False Point, down at Hatteras, and was taking a break, just sitting there on the sand, in my waders, when this little 145 lb. angler came into view. He was working the beach, and was lazily tossing a Hopkins - and I swear every cast seemed to approach 400 ft. Soon, Major and I were chatting, and the next thing I knew I was casting his rod - and laying his Hopkins at least 300 ft. out in the slough.

Major gave me all the specs on his big spinning rod, and he talked me through his casting technique

Needless to say, that winter back in the early sixties, I tied up my first real high surf spinning rod, using Majors specifications. And the next spring I was casting a storm on the beaches from Race Point at Provincetown to the sands of Carolina's Outer Banks.

The class club involved in distance casting back then was the Tidewater Anglers Club of Norfolk, Virginia. The men making up their teams included names like Claude, of course, and Major Kight, Mo Davenport, Marion Hutson and Bob Gardner. And the technique they all basically used was to drop their sinker down to the first - or gathering - guide, then to lay the weight back as far as they could reach, and finally to power the weight forward, first as though throwing a javelin, and then to snap the rod forward, in a powerful whipping action that seemed to bend those stiff eleven-foot-plus rods in two.

Today, though, tournament casting is completely different, a whole new ball game. Today, the technique is based upon the centrifugal swing developed by English casters for use on their long, shallow beaches. John Holden was the English champ who brought their style to the states back in '83. Ken Lauer, that well known Cape Hatteras beach guide, quickly picked up on this new technique, and did much to adapt the art form to our American beaches. Today, Ken is working for the DuPont people who manufacture Stren monofilament, and who are promoting the Stren Longcasting Tournament Series, leading up to the final castoff where the national Longcasting championship is determined.

Today, they call this Longcasting swing a power pendulum swing. The weight they throw is a 5¼ ounce (1500 grams) teardrop shaped sinker. They load their reels with 12 lb. Stren, and use a 50 lb. Gold Stren shock leader.

Their rods are mostly English handmade custom graphites in the 12-to-14 foot range. Their reels are modified conventionals, with level winds removed, along with magnets and some gears. Even the bearings are changed.

On an average 600-foot cast, reel speed approaches 40,000 rpm. It has been calculated that the travel of the sinker off the rod tip is accelerating to velocities of up to 240 mph.

Tournament distance measuring is done by laser surveying equipment, thus accurately determining all distances to within 0.01 of a foot, beyond all argument. The unofficial world record is a cast of 845 feet by Englishman Neil MacKellow. The current U.S. record is 738.15 feet, established by that amazing American champ, Ron Arra.

I saw Ron toss off that 738 footer. I saw him turn after the sinker hit down, and clench his fist in a shake of satisfaction, with a grin on his face that said "That did it!" I was attending the annual conference of the Outdoor Writers Association of America at Marco Island, Florida, this past May and this Longcasting Tournament has become a staple feature of that gathering of outdoor writers from all 50 states and even Canada. Ron had won the tournament in '84, '85, and '86, only to lose his title to Lou McEachern of Beaumont, Texas in '87.

This year, Ron advanced to the finals by winning the New England regional with an identical toss of 738 feet. His competitors this year were Gary Born from Berlin, New Jersey (707 feet), Mike Carr of Houston, Texas (666 feet), Bob Martin of Cheshire, Connecticut (668 feet), Lou McEachern of Beaumont, Texas (701 feet), Terry Parsons of Sebastian, Florida (642 feet) and David Thomashey of East Walpole, Massachusetts (674 feet). Interestingly, a minimum 450 ft. cast was needed to even quality for the regionals.

All were big men - 215 lbs., 205 lbs., 200 lbs., 225 lbs., 300 lbs., 195 lbs., and 265 lbs. respectively. They all seemed to be built close to the ground, appearing, as they cast, like sturdy old oak trees, well planted. Only Lou McEachern, last year's winner, exceeded the norm with a height of 6'7" to go with 300-plus pounds, followed by 6'4" David Thomasshey's 265 lbs. The other casters varied in height from a short 5'8" to a typical 6'2".

At Marco, it was David Thomasheys 717 feet who garnered second place, and Bob Martin's 712 feet in third.

In the tournament final, it is the best-of-three casts that count. Breakoffs are numerous, and there also is a tendency for the weight to touch the ground as they make their final side-arm close-to-the-ground swing, the centrifugal swing that generates the power needed to get that weight way out there.

Rod should be a mighty happy caster these days. He won four of the five annual events, is only 42 years old, and seems to be sufficiently physically fit to be around competing for quite a few years to come. His technique seems to improve each year and it could be that 1989 will see Ron break that mythical 800-foot mark.

Ken Lauer taught me the basic form to use in Longcasting several years ago, on the beach below The Point at Hatteras. I'd estimate I increased my distance from 20 to 25% in no time at all - but I couldn't aim my cast, no way! My casts covered about a 60-90 degree vector in front of me, and if any one stood within 30-35 feet of me, I'd probably have killed him. Interestingly, Ron's first cast that hot and windy day at Marco Island went outside the 30 degree boundary allowed, an "out-of-bounds" cast, making me feel much better about my troubles in aiming my cast. Preferably, I'd want no one nearer than 50 yards of me on the beach when I'm using the power cast. I just don't have that much faith in my abilities. I do use the power cast when surf fishing, but only when I'm alone, with no one around. Since there usually are buddies with me, most of my distance casting is from the old school, that used by the angling clubs that blossomed on our beaches back in the heydays of the striped bass, back in the fifties and sixties.

I do think that any serious distance caster in the surf should know, and practice, both forms. They both have their place in the suds, and I doubt if a serious salt water angler can find a better off-season hobby than competitive distance casting.

North Shore: Fall Calendar

By William A. Muller

Large sea going vessels are common in the western Sound, as are bass and big blues.

There isn't a dedicated surf fisherman worth his or her salt that doesn't get charged up once Labor Day has passed. It's fall and that means the bait will soon be migrating, the predators hot on their heels, and both trying to add fat layers as they make their way to warmer climes. It is an exciting time, and it makes my blood boil.

Many surf fishermen spend all their time on south shore beaches, and it isn't hard to understand why. There are lots of fish both along the beaches and in the inlets now. Yet for me, the north shore also beckons, as Moby Dick beckoned Ahab in the famous legend.

It will be impossible to cover every beach, but I will try to take samples that are representative of the potential. The most important thing to remember is that the overall action intensity will wane from west to east, although there will, or may, continue to be hot innings to the west on bass into December. The reason for the west to east pattern is that the western Sound is more like a bay; shallow and narrow, while the eastern portions are more like the ocean; deep and open. Less water volume will heat and cool more quickly than massive volumes, so in the fall the water temperatures drop faster to the west. That means temperature sensitive bait will exit early to the west and lots of blues and some bass will follow them. So, as a general rule, bluefishing is over (or at least way past peak) by October 15th west of Lloyd Neck, over west of Riverhead by about November 5th, while east end beaches can produce blues regularly to about Thanksgiving. Now, this is a general rule so there will be bluefish blitzes anywhere late in the season. The key will be, does it repeat? I think you'll find it will be a one-tide deal. That means a lingering school of blues "got onto" a lingering school of migrating big bait. Both will be gone with the next tide!

Don't underestimate the potential for success in September. Too many beach rats believe the game doesn't start until October. Those whose minds are set this way miss about one third of each fall's action. If the action wanes from west to each, so too does it build. Thus, look for potential hot action early in September from western beaches. Now, if the weather stays hot and calm, the beginning of the game will be delayed. However, as soon as the first couple of cold fronts put a small dent into summer, I'm headed for the western Sound. There has been a lot of bunker around, and thus I would suggest fishing large metal-lipped swimming plugs, large popping plugs, or chunks of bait. If it is overcast in daylight, or, if there is no fire in the water at night, use the big plugs. On sunny days or when the fire is bad, use chunk bait. Gibbs pencil poppers, Super Strikes new plastic poppers, and Polaris poppers are good choices. If there are bass around, the new Gags Grabber popper is a good choice because it floats and can be worked very slowly. Bass like a popper slow and easy, while blues like it flying across the water with big splashes. The new Super Strike plastic Bottle Neck poppers will wiggle back and forth when retrieved slowly, and that action is great for attracting a bass.

Most western Sound beaches are private or town. If you have access to private property, good; if not, most restrictions ease on town beaches after Labor Day. I like the stretch of beach along Bayville and Centre Island. All in all there are a couple of miles of workable beach. Many times under what appeared to be ideal conditions, I have run back and forth from beach to beach and eventually found the fish.

Sunken Meadow is another very good choice. In fact, Sunken Meadow is unique in that the action often starts early and continues late on blues. Bass can be caught almost anytime when there is bait to tempt them.

Early in the season, let's say late August to about September 15th when the water is warm, I prefer the early

Blues like this 20 pounder, cradled by the author, are not uncommon in the Sound from late summer into November.

morning. If a high outgoing tide coincides with dawn, so much the better. Walk the beach looking for signs of bait spraying, diving birds, or splashes. Poppers are irresistible to fish on calm mornings. Vary the retrieve between fast and slow to accommodate both bass and blues. Make sure you have a pencil popper in your bag at all times; medium size. I can't think of a better daytime plug when bunker is the prey.

I got into the merits of Mt. Sinai in an earlier article. I won't repeat myself, but don't overlook this area. There are many blitzes here each year.

The beaches of Miller Place and Rocky Point also produce handsomely during the fall run. When most of the larger bait fish have departed sometime in November, this area can produce large catches of bass when sand eels swarm into the beaches. There may be a lull of five days or so between the last sustained action on bunker, mullet and herring, and the arrival of the sand eels, but a vigil will reward you well. Switch to eel worms, whip tails, small narrow tins, and tube lures during the day when sand eels are the prey, and use small swimming plugs at night with a teaser just as you fished them in May and June.

Horton's Point is a very special favorite of mine. It was here that I caught the largest blue of my life from the beach; 20 lbs., 12 ounces. The beaches on the east end can produce remarkable catches of big bass and blues. The best action doesn't start usually until sometime in October, but can last well into November. The persistant beach rat can cull out huge blues throughout November as the remnant schools exit the Sound. You'll need to be there everyday to take advantage of that, and bait on the bottom is the best approach, so you'll usually only see regulars and locals late in the month. The best of the big bass action generally doesn't start until the blues have thinned a bit. At times, the water has been so clear that we could see the bass move onto the beach. They looked like submerged logs over the white sand bottom.

Once the bulk of the blues have exited east, the bass really start to shine. It is now that you'll encounter schools of fish from babies to giants swimming together and feasting on small bait. This can happen both day and night. Remember, although blues and large baits are migrating east, bass are migrating west. Well, not all of them. Chesapeake fish are heading south, but Hudson fish are on their way home.

The limiting condition on success will be whether there is a lot of bait along the beach you choose to fish, but most importantly, whether or not you can tolerate the cold. In some falls, the weather remains moderate through much of November. Then it's easy to fish. Yet, when the north winds bring down icy blasts from the Arctic circle, only the strong survive.

Gear up for late fishing with layers of wool clothing. Each layer traps air and insulates. Wear a wool cap, since we lose so much heat through our extremities. Skin diver gloves and wide receiver gloves are very helpful in keeping hands warm enough to cast and take off fish.

The Sound represents a rich potential for fall action that is often overlooked. To summarize, I think you can key into great fishing if you pay attention to three items.

First, blues and large bait migrate west to east. As water temperatures fall, move to eastern beaches. Late, late, look for bass everywhere.

Second, for most of the fall, leave the small spring sticks home. Big baits and big fish are the show. Use the 11 footer in the Sound now, it will make life a lot easier.

Three, match the bait to the action, regardless of whether it is artificial or natural. Early in the fall use big plugs, later use sand eel imitations.

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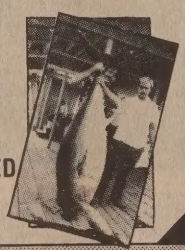

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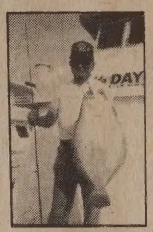

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East End Report

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Very good inshore fishing in east end waters with anglers having a field day with bass and bluefish. Cod fishing remains the best in years. Sharking is steady with blue sharks, browns and some big makos.

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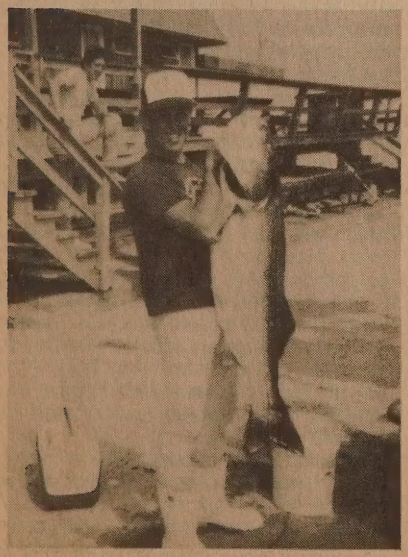
Forty one boats participated in the marlin/tuna tournament hosted by **Star Island Yacht Club**, held this past weekend. Capt. Charlie Harned took first place with his 699 lb. blue marlin caught on "Bite the Dust." Second place went to Capt. Skip Rudolf for a 662 lb. blue marlin taken on "Mountain High." In the white marlin category, Capt. Gary Dillin took first and second with marlin of 73 and 63 lbs. caught on "Dora Mi." Third place weighed 62 lbs., caught by Capt. Jerry Spinelli on "Cielia P." The tuna division was led with a 178 lb. big eye tuna caught on "Stow A Way" with Capt. Joe Caselli. Capt. James Griffin of the "Positive Too" returned with an Allison tuna of 159 lbs. Third place went to a 146 lb. yellow fin caught by Capt. Robert Otto on "Touch of Class."

Lenny Auerhan is so far leading in **Star Island's** fluke tournament with a 6½ lb. fluke caught during the week. On Saturday, the charter boat **Lori Jay** returned from a charter with 50 cod fish plus two



Eric Storc hefts the 52 lb. striper he landed aboard his dad Bob's Montauk charter boat, "Caprice." The cow was taken on a live eel on August 5, 1988.

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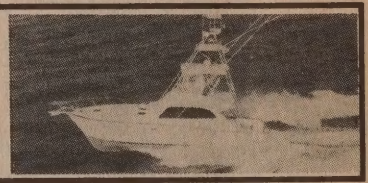

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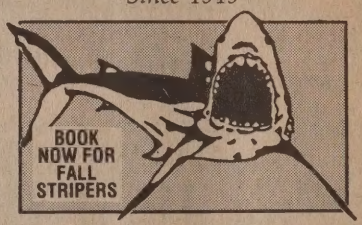

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mako sharks. The marina based boat, "Just A Toy," owned by Harry Clemins fished the canyon for 11 dolphins plus 11 yellow fin tuna.

While Thursday's winds and ocean heave prevented us from fishing the ocean, Jimmy MacDonald, John DeGrace and I did locate quite a lot of progies on the **Julie III**, along with some flounder, sea bass and blackfish. We stopped counting after 10 buckets of porgies caught in constant action on the outgoing tide. While the porgies were all medium and large in size, my largest flounder weighed 2 lbs., 12 oz. Capt. Ron Grandinetti reported a good weekend with charters on the **Julie III** with Artie Werman and his friends accounting for a load of porgies, 46 flounder (the largest 3 lbs., 2 oz.), some blackfish and fluke caught at the Point. Sunday's group, the Jones party, added a dozen large butterfish to hundreds of porgies and 18 flounder.

Lots of porgies flew over the rails of the **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** on the weekend. Twelve year old Troy Berry and his 17 year old brother David counted 118 porgies plus a 4½ lb. fluke in their catch on Friday, according to Capt. Fred Bird. Although Saturday was slow, Sunday's catch was very good, with both boats locating a load of scup stacked up in spots fished years ago. "Come on down!" says Capt. Bird.

Capt. Jay Rigano of **Lori Jay** gave us a rundown of some of his trips for the past two weeks. Joe Dunn and his friends from Regis Mechanical managed two dusky sharks, estimated at 150 and 200 lbs., along with 20 codfish. On an "ocean safari" trip, well offshore, a 90 lb. yellow fin tuna was trolled, and some action with shark was reported. Several sharks were released, including a tiger shark, estimated at over 500 lbs., a small mako and a blue shark, after many photos and videos were taken. Capt. Rigano loaned some of his tackle to the Beneway family, who fished 12 miles off the Point. The group returned with an 87 lb. white marlin, caught by 16 year old Dave, and reported the loss of a mako after hookup.

Jim Algerio called us about last Monday's cod trip on the **Viking Star**, relating that approximately 60 anglers caught about 350 codfish. He was impressed, however with many large pollock that were caught. His largest of four pollock, which weighed 36 lbs., was too small to even place in the "other fish" pool. Largest cod weighed about 35 lbs. Adding to the excitement was the capture of a white marlin, estimated at 80 lbs., caught by Anthony Sosinski who was mating on the boat. The fish which was feeding on bits of clam and discarded bergals was tempted by a whole squid offered by Sosinski.

Sound Beach resident, Gene Drago, spent a few days at **Captains Cove Marina** fishing on his boat "Top Cat" usually berthed in Mt. Sinai. He reported the loss of a mako, approximately 200 lbs., three blue sharks all tagged and released, and seeing acres of skipjacks south of Block Island, during two daysl of fishing.

Not reported last issue was the over night canyon trip on **"Wet & Wild's" Half**

Back with Capt. Frank Francis and two women, Birget Francis and Linda Davis. The women fought and landed 6 yellow fin to 110 lbs., plus 150 lb. hammerhead. Call Capt. Francis for information on overnight canyon trips.

Joan Smith gave us a rundown of activities of charter boats based at **Captains Cove Marina**. Capt. Jack Passie returned from charter trips on **Windy** with plenty of bass and loads of bluefish. Fluke to 6 lbs. were caught on the marina based boat "My Love II." Jay Della Monica tried his hand at sharking on the family boat "Capt. Jay," reporting 6 blue shark in the 50 to 150 lb. range. All the shark were tagged and released. Other charter boats such as **My Mate** reported blue sharks. Bass and blues were reported on **Mistress Too**.

Capt. Jack Passie called us to state that inshore fishing, especially bass fishing, is about as good as it can get for this time of year, with predictions for a fantastic fall run. A Saturday trip on the charter boat **Windy** with members of the Patchogue Fishing Club limited out on bass, the largest 34½ lbs., several at or near 30 lbs. Over 50 blues and a mess of fluke were also caught by this group. Sunday's trip saw about 50 bass, all caught on bucktails. Three keepers to 38½ lbs. were brought back to the dock.

Capt. Joe McBride, of the charter boat **My Mate** has switched to sharking instead of tuna fishing, reporting anywhere from one to five blue shark per trip. Sunday's trip with Gene Sternoff and his friends from Long Island fought five blue sharks, tagged and released three; the others broke off. Capt. McBride also reported plenty of green and oceanic bonito offshore, loads of blues and bass inshore, plus a decent showing of fluke for this early in the season.

Outer Shagwong was the best producing fluke spot for teenager Danny Guinta, who with his father Donald, and Uncle Jack caught fluke of 4.3 and 5.5 lbs. Henry reported that all his boats returned to **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** with fluke, sea bass or flounder on Sunday. Doug Fogg and Ron DiCastanzo, fishing on "Fog Horn" had numerous fluke, the largest 3½ lbs. Plenty of flounder are to be had in Lake Montauk, along with snappers and bunker. John Mangeri and his son fishing with Connie and Mike McKiernan managed 15 flounder on a rental boat. All the fish were a pound or better.

Capt. Artie Lach of the party boat **Wilhelric II** described the fluking as either "red hot" or "ice cold," with rather inconsistent fishing. On Saturday's morning trip, fishing was red hot, with anglers catching 80 fluke including double headers by those using teasers above their fluke hooks. Largest fish however were 3 to 4 lbs. In the afternoon, only 5 fluke were caught, however the largest was 9½ lbs. The moon tide might have affected the fishing on the past weekend, since there was a big heave at ebb tide. Last Sunday (Aug 21), Artie Hersh caught 8 fluke in the mroning; fish of 6½, 4 and several 3 lbers. He was skunked in the afternoon. A reminder that full day fluke fishing will begin on September 6th. Anglers Must bring heavy tackle, i.e., conventional reels

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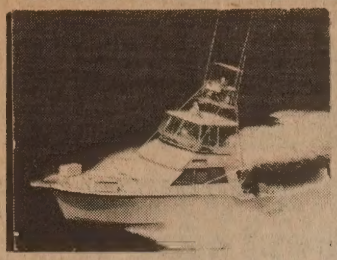

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Some impressive fish were seen at the **Montauk Marine Basin** on the weekend, starting with the 528 lb. tiger shark caught on Friday on "Nora John." Capt. Peter Strauss returned from the Fishtails with 3 yellow fin tuna in the 50 to 80 lb. range, on "Sea Venture." Fishing the same area, on Saturday, anglers on "Crisgin" returned with 6 yellow fin to 100 lbs., plus an albacore. Capt. John DeMaio, of the charter boat **Vivienne**, returned with 5 nice bass all about 30 lbs., plus 30 fluke on Sat. charter trip. A mako which weighed an even 300 lbs. caught by Bob Fretig on teh charter boat **Montauk** on Sunday.

While sharking is sometimes slow, there are some very good fish to be caught said Capt. Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk.** Some impressive mako's have been caught, including Sunday's fish that weighed 300 lbs. Brown sharks of 150 to 175 have been encountered, most tagged and released. Lots of striped bass are in the area, with an unusual amount of keepers for this time of year. The Cartwright area has suddenly come alive with big blues. Offshore shows lots of life with an influx of green and oceanic bonito, false albacore and an increase in bait fish. The first showing of "tuna grass" and dozens of Portugese Man of War could indicate true offshore water, with good fishing in the months ahead.

TJ reported on activities of charter boats based at **Gone Fishing Marina**: On Thursday's trip on the charter boat **Caprice**, Maurice Curtis and his friends caught several bushels of porgies to 2 lbs., fishing at Gardiners and Great Eastern. On Saturday, Phil and Tony Pret had plenty of sea bass and 15 fluke, with a ten lb. doormat, caught by Phil, dominating the catch. The fish were located under large schools of butterfish in the rips at Montauk. On Saturday's full moon trip for Lou De Ricco and friends, several bass to 24 pounds were caught on bucktails and eels. Capt. Bob Storc has several openings for trophy bass at the September and October new and full moons. Call him for details.

Capt. Bill of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reports good fluke, porgy and sea bass action inshore. Plenty of cod are pleasing charters at Cox's Ledge.

Anglers at **Gone Fishing Marine** report that fluking remains consistent with fish moving from Shagwong to the North Rips and Washington Shoals with catches on the south side building daily. Cod fishing remains excellent at Cox's Ledge, with catches up to 70-80 cod per boat. Bluefishing is best on bait at Cartwright with the fish stacked up, the catch dependent upon the strength of the angler. On the weekend bass of 31, 32 and 42 pounds were caught on live eels by Charlie Toto on the "nino." Anglers report loads of schoolie bass at the Point, Great Eastern and the Race.

Capt. Scott Weiss of **Gusto Charters** reports plenty of codfish early last week on charters on **Wavedancer.** He expects fluke fishing to be in full swing after the full moon. Sharks have been located on offshore charters; a small mako on Saturday, brown and blue sharks on Sunday's charters. Call Capt. Weiss for available dates for September cod and bass charters.

Anglers based at **West Lake Fishing Lodge and Marina** reported a variety of fish, according to Chris, spokesman for the Marina. Ben De Pietro and his crew on the "Viva 4" fished Cox's Ledge for 25 cod. While most were in the 8 to 14 pound range, the largest weighed 25 pounds. Nine year old Donnie Brown caught a 7 pound fluke on "Wee Mac." A load of bluefish was reported on the charter boat **Rum 'N Coke.** Three blue shark were fought, tagged and released on "Good Time Charlie." Sports writer Jerry Kenny and Capt. Charlie Nappi joined Percy Heath on "Fiddler" last week. The trio caught a mess of fluke to about 5 pounds. John Richie half filled a cooler with big trigger fish, the largest six pounds, fishing on "20th Century Drifter."

Capt. Howard Kiedaisch of the charter boat **Reel Magic** reported plenty of blue shark on Saturday for Al Warton and friends Ed, Steve and Dave, who were on their first ever shark trip. Each angler had the opportunity to fight blue sharks, all of which were tagged and released. On Sunday's trip, Walt, Phil, Tony and Phil trolled unsuccessfully for tuna in the morning. However, when the trip was switched to cod at Cox's Ledge, 27 cod were put into the boat in 2½ hours.

Harvey Bennett of **The Tackle Shop** heard of continued decent fluking at Napeague Bay with most anglers reporting at least a half dozen fluke per trip. Some small blackfish were caught on green crabs fished off Eastern Plains Point on Friday. Plenty of small porgies were caught at Cherry Harbor. Snappers are all over. Bob Kasarus, fishing the full moon on Saturday night, reported eight bass on popping plugs cast from his boat at Montauk. One 21 pounder was brought home.

SOUTH FORK

A nice catch of porgies was brought into **Bayview Marine & Tackle** on Sunday. Carlos James and Clyde Damen caught over 50 apiece, using clams and worms. The pair were fishing at the green spindle, just outside the Sag Harbor breakwater, at outgoing tide. Chris Salb heard of decent catches of fluke off Tobaccolot Bay and some at the Ruins during the week. Plenty of blues hitting in Plum Gut, at any moving tide. Snappers are all over.

George and Phyllis Mack with an 8 lb. fluke taken near the Ponquogue Bridge on 8/21/88. Photo courtesy of Molnars Landing in Hampton Bays.

Heavy fog cancelled many planned offshore trips during the week, said Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle,** however, fluke catches in the bay are maintaining a good pace. Anglers traveling east to Gardiner's Island or to Montauk are reporting decent catches as well. Locally, plenty of snappers are caught off all docks. Big game hunting licenses are available at the store now. Remember that applications for deer management permits must be postmarked by September 2nd.

Joe, at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks,** reports consistent fluking in the East Channel in Shinnecock Bay, with 12 to 15 keepers per boat during the past week. Reports were heard of some tuna at the Shinnecock tuna hole, with one giant bluefin fought and lost. Yellowfin tuna and dolfin were caught on overnight trips at the Fishtails.

Bigeye and yellowfin tuna were caught on canyon over nighters, claimed Mike McCarthy at **Altenkirch & Son, Inc.** Three bigeye, the largest well over 200 pounds, plus long fin albacore were brought in on the "Jullian." Inshore, good fluking continues in the Bay, with plenty of bass with many shorts caught during the week. Some porgies were caught in the Shinnecock Canal, but best bet is to fish the rocks at the north end at this time. Last year, a great run of porgies were available in the Canal by the end of September.

Continued good fluking in Shinnecock Bay, said Mike at **Oscar's Fishing Station.** Catches the past week include 10 fluke, some seabass and a bass (which was released) by Mr. Schnell and his children; Mike Hammel with a dozen fluke; Steve Levine caught a dozen, the largest 4½ pounds. Mr. Mongo fished on Saturday for 10 fluke; returned Sunday for 14, including a fine 9½ pounder. Stanley, Pusso and friends caught 10 on Saturday; Mr. Gata 24 in two days. While many anglers fished the usual spots near the

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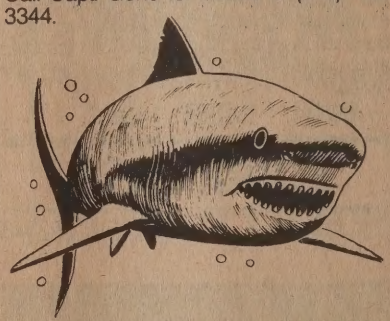
inlet, Coast Guard Station and off the commercial docks, plenty of fluke had returned to Buoy 17.

Lanny Molnar heard of very large blues, some 20 pounds, caught by hopeful bass fishermen on Saturday. Two bass weighing in the high 20 pound range, were caught on live eels on Friday night by Bob Benson and his son. Fluking is still very good just outside **Molnar's Landing** and in front of **Oscar's.** Seabass are steady at the Ponquogue Bridge and in the Inlet. Bob Scattergood, fishing offshore on "Scatt 3," caught a 20 pound bull dolphin on Sunday. Some green bonito were trolled. A few tuna were encountered at the "Shinnecock tuna hole" last Tuesday, as reported by several boats that were chunking. One 80 pound bluefin was boated, as was a 58 pound white marlin. On the "Geraldine," Capt. Fred Muhs with Lanny Molnar, Gerome Bennet and Ed Herron marked large fish on their recorder just before 5 p.m. A tuna took the bait and was fought by two anglers for 4½ hours before it was lost when the line parted. The giant bluefin surfaced twice and was estimated to weigh nearly 800 pounds.

Capt. Gene Holland of the charter boat **Scoundrel,** reports spotty offshore fishing in general. However, on August 20th, a 156 pound hammerhead shark took a mackerel bait; a 98 pound yellowfin was landed the next day. This past Sunday, a 20½ pound dolphin was caught by Walter Deborer. Capt. Holland has a few openings for overnight canyon trips, with a 5 man limit, and a "no fish, no pay" policy. Call Capt. Gene for details at (516) 728-3344.



South Shore Report

with Fred Golofaro

Fog, a rough ocean and plenty of wind made for a generally uneventful weekend along this stretch of the Island. Fluke fishing ranged from slow to fair to good, depending upon who you spoke to, but it was clear that the main movement of fish down to the inlets has not yet happened. When it does, there should be a couple of weeks of very good fluke action at both inlets. Bluefishing remains in a slump, but there have been some signs for optimism with sporatic showings of fish on the Patchogue Grounds. The only game in town for blue water anglers has been the

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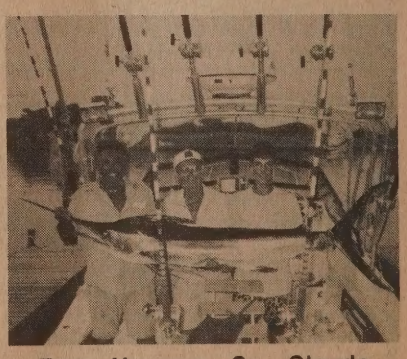
Al Flexer of **Al's Feather Lures** reported that he teamed with Rosemary Fedorco on Saturday in Moriches. Using 1/4 ounce jigs in white and chartreuse, the pair put away 36 keepers. They returned on Sunday aboard Rosemary's Sea Hag. Also along were Richard Brumblay and Steve Tropeno. The foursome added another 28 keepers to Saturday's score. All the action was on the flood tide at the New Cut with a few fish taken at the inlet.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

At **J & J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reported that crabs and snappers remain a good bet at all local docks with the best scores still being made further back in the canals. Some fluke located at buoy 33 in Bellport. Most are shorts with a few keepers mixed in. Walter, Wally, George and Mike worked Moriches Inlet during the week. They returned with a dozen fluke and a bunch of small blues. Still quite a few bass in Moriches Inlet, along with an increasing number of big blues. Live bait remains the key here. Paul has heard from several customers that small weaks in the 2 to 4 pound class are being taken on squid strips or sand worms opposite Sayville and Ocean Beach. The only positive offshore news concerned the tuna action at the Bacardi.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in Oakdale reported that the shop was still buzzing from the 13.12 oz. brown trout



Tony Vaccaro, Sr., Claude Jenkens, and Tony Vaccaro, Jr. show the 64 lb. white marlin taken by Tony Jr. 72 mile S.E. of Moriches Inlet aboard the Bimini Bum.

Rosemarie Romano with a 5.9 lb. fluke she landed on the "Dixie II" and Sal DeFrisco showing off his 4 lb. blackfish. Photo courtesy of Captree Bait & Tackle.

(see Freshwater Report for details), that was weighed in this week. On the saltwater side, fluke fishing seemed a little slower this week with better catches reported west of the bridge. Strong winds did not help drifting conditions on the weekend. Snapper fishing good from Sayville to Islip on all docks and a decent number of crabs around. Remember to throw small ones back.

From **Islander Bait & Tackle** in Oakdale, Curt Delano said that fluke fishing seemed to slow a bit this week, but still described the fishing as decent west of the RM Bridge. More small fish around with a keeper ratio of 40%. Cocktail blues still roaming the bay and inlet. Offshore fishing still slow with the exception of an almost daily bite on the Bacardi. A rough ocean most of the week, in addition to fog a couple of days made for tough conditions offshore. Snapper fishing continues to improve daily and crabbing remains good.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait & Tackle Shop** in Bayshore said that fluke fishing was a little off this week but he knew of some good scores made at the construction dock area. Too rough on the weekend for fluke fans to work outside the inlet and the fog didn't help either. Small blues still at the inlet mornings and evenings on 007 jigs and trolled tubes. Bass fishing was quiet on the weekend moon and not much on ocean blues with the exception of an occasional shot in 85 feet of water to the southeast. Tuna fishing has been okay at the Bacardi with a lot of fish taken Wednesday and Thursday up to 150 lbs. Many of the bluefin were taken on 6 to 8 oz. diamond jigs. Lots of sand porgies and sea bass at Ocean Beach, the Lighthouse and West Island, and snappers and crabs both very good on local docks.

From **Captree Bait & Tackle,** Bobby Sprenger reported a pretty quiet weekend on the docks as a result of the fog and wind. Fluke fishing was okay but bluefish-

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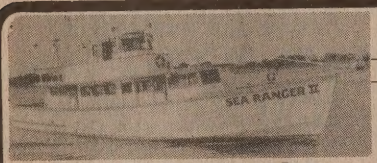

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ing, in most cases, was not. Some decent snapper fishing on the docks in time for next weekend's snapper derby. For more info call the shop at 422-1177. Bluefish up to 4 lbs. bouncing around the inlet with one private boat reporting doing a good job on the fish Saturday morning.

Capt. Jim McKoy of the Captree Charter Boat **Shearwater II,** fished a group from Metal Improvements Company headed by Dom Chimino on Saturday. Working in 85 ft. of water south of the Lighthouse, the group totalled 50 blues from 7 to 16 lbs. and 1 bonito. Saturday night's group from Metro Distributing was headed by Jack Ayotte. They put away 20 blues from 7 to 15 lbs. Sunday's charter from **Ocean Pro Dive Shop,** was led by Tim Lynch. The group of divers reported the Fire Island Reef and former lightship alive with blackfish and sea bass.

Over at **Babylon Fishing Station,** George Stevenson noted that the Bacardi has been the only show in town for tuna fans. There was good fishing on the wreck during the week for bluefins from 40 to over 100 lbs. Among the boats that connected were "Ship of Fools," "Hydro Therapy," "Danielle" and the "Ham Bone." Fish were taken on chunks as well as diamond jigs. Tuna were also taken on the Bacardi on Saturday, but Sunday seemed quiet. Heavy fog and a rough ocean probably contributed to the lack of action. Inside the Bay, George noted that fluking slowed toward the latter part of the week and that few good catches were reported on the weekend. Effort was down due to the weather.

Around the corner at **Augie's Bait & Tackle,** Lou Hoek reported 4 tuna for Dr. Joe Lalia and crew aboard his "Foot Fixer" on Saturday. The "Ham Bone" reported a pair of tuna on Saturday and reported dropping two dolphin. Both boats worked the Bacardi. Fog and a rough ocean curtailed the fishing on Sunday for most boats. Bruce Morabito connected with a new state and potential 30 lb. class world record pollock on Saturday. The big fish weighed 45 lbs., 15 ozs. Lou added

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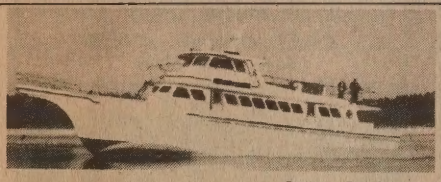

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that there have been some decent catches of porgies and sea bass made along South Beach and at the Sore Thumb by sinker bouncers. Jack Uhland and Gasper Garraputo teamed to take 18 weakfish up to 4 lbs. on Wednesday. The fish were taken on squid strips fished south of Nichols Point in the Heckscher Park area. Fluke fishing holding up okay and just a few short bass reported on the moon. Crabs and snappers at the docks, along with some exotics like jacks and spanish mackerel.

Mike Andriani at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle** called fluke fishing fair with some guys still checking in with 15 keepers. He felt sure that the best fishing is yet to come as all of the fish dropped from the bay to the inlet. Ocean bluefishing remains pretty quiet, but tuna fishing continued at the Bacardi with fish taken nearly every day on bait and jigs. A87 jigs fitted with 9/0 Mustad #9174 hooks have worked well on the bluefins. Snapper fishing has been good, but many are still smallish and crabbing remains fine. Greg Shannon stopped by with 22 big blue claws taken Friday night at the Captree Bridge.

Penny Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait & Tackle** in Lindenhurst checked a 36 lb. striper for Pete Caciao on Thursday. The big striper was taken on clam bellies near the construction dock on his "Fish Monger." On Sunday, Marissa Quenqua, all of 4 years old, caught her first fish ever while fishing off of Grandma's dock. She went on to put 5 snappers in her bucket. Penny added that the best bet for fluke and blues has been in the inlet area. Blackfish have started as a result of the recent cool weather with fish being taken on Kismet Reef. The shop has fiddler crabs in stock. Porgies and sea bass are in the Copiague Hole and some blues have been jigged and chummed on the Patchogue Grounds, but it has been erratic. Snappers improved in size and crabbing excellent in the Bay and from the docks. Offshore scene has been quiet with the exception of the Bacardi.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague, Ralph Angelillo reported a huge tide-runner weak for Ralph Norcerino on Thursday. Taken on a flooding tide on a bunker near the MB Bridge, the fish weighed 13.2 lbs. On Friday, Andy Cassara had 3 blues and a 4½ lb. spanish

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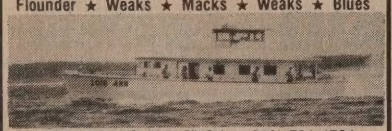

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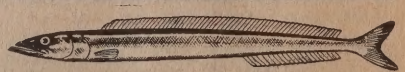

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mackerel which he trolled just outside Jones Inlet. George Mills put together an impressive catch of 30 blackfish in the 5 to 7 lb. class, while anchored atop the Roda Wreck on Saturday. He used fiddlers. Jerry Marcus worked the inlet area with sea robin strips on Sunday. He finished with 21 keeper fluke. Also on Sunday Joe Connor and his son, John, worked the Amity Cut to the tune of 16 flounder and 7 blowfish on worms. Blackfish and sea bass are apparently in good supply on the Kismet Reef. 21 members of the Boathouse Fishing Club fished aboard "Three Sons" on Sunday and totalled over 300 fish. 60% were blackfish, weighing from 1 to 3 lbs. Steve Marotta, Al Nesci and Steve Gorrano took 8th place in the Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament. Taken out of Jones Inlet, their prize blue weighed 13.8 lbs. Crabbing has been excellent for the dock folks and snapper fishing remains good.

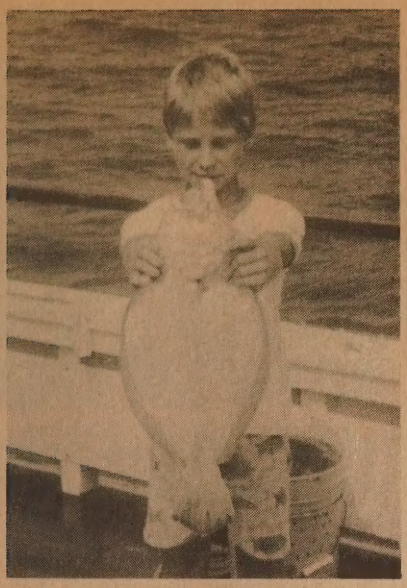
Bob Rose of **Bob's Bait & Tackle** in Amity Harbor, reported a catch of 16 fluke to 3 ½ lbs. for Barry Mack on his "Cathy's Too" on Saturday. Barry worked Snakehill Channel. Plenty of fluke still being taken in the State Channel and West Channel. Porgies, blowfish and sea bass taking worms in East/West Channel and Copiague Hole. Ted Orvieto worked the Inlet on Saturday and put away 12 fluke in his "Blackjack II." Lots of snappers and crabs at all the local docks.

From **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera reported fluking a little tough this weekend, but noted a showing of bay weaks down in the Heckscher area. These fish range up to 4 lbs. The offshore crowd got in some good shots at tuna on the Bacardi this week; and on the docks, crabbing and snapper fishing remains good.

West End Report

with Stu Miller

Fluke again this week, have remained the best bet being strong in all the inside waters as well as just off the beaches. Numbers have been very good with keeper ratio's excellent compared to recent years. Sizes have also been respectable. While many boats found bluefishing hot and cold during the week, the action got a lot stronger on the weekend and some solid catches were had. Some really good sized bluefish were caught this week too. Sea bass, blacks and porgies are being caught nicely both inside and on inshore and offshore wrecks. Lots of tuna runoffs at the Texas Tower and Bicardi areas with a decent number of mostly BFT's caught up to 100 lbs. Monsterous numbers of BCC's in all the bays and snappers have been getting stronger and bigger.



Ten year old David Miracco decked this 5.1 lb. fluke aboard the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee," on 7/29/88.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from Skip at **Old Harbor Marina in Seaford**, that high hook boat Sat. was 22 keeper fluke and 24 on Sun., with the rentals averaging 8 - 10 keepers per boat. The west side of the Wantagh bridges has been best, including the first bridge. The Merrick side of Haunts and Four Corners have been productive too with roughly a 75% keeper ratio. BCC's have been O.K. during the day but super at night. Snappers have been a good item 2 hours before and after high water. Skip says that the big ray has been towing boats around at Four Corners before breaking free. A few weakfish between Zack's and Tobay. Lots of short bass around and plenty of smallish sea bass mixed in with the fluke.

Over at **Causeway Tackle in Wantagh**, Mike says that the fluking remained very good this week, boats averaging 10 - 30 keepers on outgoing with spearing or killies along with a strip of squid. Best areas were Bulkhead Drain, Goose Creek, Broad Channel, State channel from 3W to Zacks Bay and Long Creek. Fish ran up to 4 lbs. Snappers have been very good at Wantagh Park at high water, as have the Jones Beach piers. Snapper poppers and small spearing are doing it. Sand porgies have been strong in Merrick Bay on sand worms in the deeps. Big blues at Big M, Swift Creek, Haunts Creek, 2 & 3-W, on a dropping tide with bunker. Blues have been going 6 - 13 lbs. along with a very occasional bass from 10 - 12 lbs. BCC's have been excellent behind Seaford, Massapequa and Amityville on the north side of the bay. Small blacks and sea bass inside.

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Ted Gibson, framed by friends Mark and Mitch, shows the teen striper he landed on a bunker near the Meadowbrook Bridge. Photo Courtesy of Garan's Sport Shop in Merrick.

Imore told of lots of sand porgies in Merrick Bay and that 2 and 3-W for the best fluking with superior keeper ratio's. Lots of big blues chasing bunker in the back bays, and small tuna from 40 - 80 lbs. at the Bicardi and Texas Tower areas.

Don at **Garan's Tackle in Merrick** said that customers were still pulling fat flounders out of the local deeper holes around the bridges and of the CG station. Fluking has been strong at the S Turn, Haunts and just outside the Inlet. There has been super duper BCC activity in all the bays while sand porgies appear to be starting at the bridges and inshore wrecks and at the construction dock in Jones.

Sailing out of **Freeport** Capt. Ricky Kessinger's **Starstream II** had a good catch of big bluefish up to 18 lbs. Fri. night, anchored and chumming. Sat. was another strong bluefish day with 25 fares, mostly novices hoisting 3 - 8 fish a man. However, these were all jumbo fish, 8 - 15 lbs. Richy said other trips sailed during the week ran from slow to fair, but we can see there are plenty of hungry aligator blues around. Once these fish settle down, they'll be pulling your arms out.

A call from Capt. Walt of the charter boat **Natale S** told of Sat. trip for the John Crumley group trolling albacore and skippies in the Va. area. Sunday's charter was weathered out.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J IV** spoke of the super fluking his charters had all week, working from Jones to just east of the Wantagh briges with fluke in good numbers and sizes. Bluefish trips sailed this week were hit and miss. Trips were sailed this week for: Twin Oaks Day Camp, Steuben Society, PA Police; Ron Malau group; Coldata, Valley Stream; Ticor Title Co., Mineola; Sportsmen's 25 Club; Marty Mirrone group; Jim Lavarello.

Ms. Donna of **Donart Custom Rods** told of Charlie Ernst on his new boat "Charlie's Angel" hooking and landing 5 blue fin tuna up to 180 lbs. at the Bicardi this week.

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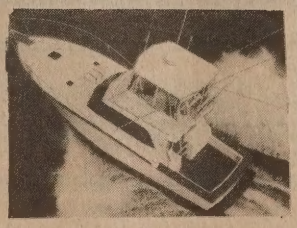

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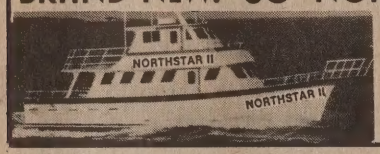

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Sat. morning at the Bicardi with everything over by 8:30 AM. Happily the fluke are holding up, he said, and the flounder catches have been O.K. in the deeper holes such as Hole in the Bay. Porgies and sea bass are being caught at the inshore wrecks. A few bass and weaks at Big M on bunker and sand worms.

Capt. Joe of the charter boat **Fantasy II** spoke of the good fluking his charters had Mon. - Fri. but which slowed down some on the weekend with the moon tides. There was a 65% keeper ratio, all told. Best area was Jones Inlet on incoming. A 6 lb. fluke was caught by Freeport angler Mel Mason. Trips this week were sailed for: Eastern Queens YMCA Day Camp; Mike Zielin group; Brown Transport Co.; Bob Harben group, Baldwin.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatman's Assoc.** reported that the **Super Spray II** has been having great fluking on both AM and PM trips with 4 and 5 lbers. nailing down the pools. The Assoc. charter boats have been having excellent fluking also. Decent bluefish catches have been had at 17 fathoms and the Rockaway Reef along with other different places on different days. The **Blue Marlin** had a bluefin tuna at the Bicardi this week. Bob says the scattered bluefish could really explode into dinamite catches at any time.

On Tuesday, John Sefcik worked **Al's Feather Jigs** aboard the "Captain Lou VI." He finished with 15 keepers.

Over in **Pt. Lookout, Scotty's Fishing Station** told of Grace Simms' 5½ lb. fluke taken Sat. in the Inlet on killies. Blues have been schooling in front of the Pt. Lookout Beach on the west bar. Excellent catches of small sea bass are being had at the Pt. Lookout bridges while the fluking continues to be very good throughout Reynolds.

Capt. Walt of the **Miss Pt. Lookout II** called to say that the fluking remains fair to very good, best in Jones Inlet all around the high, with most fish running 2-5 lbs. The best catch was on Fri. PM trip when

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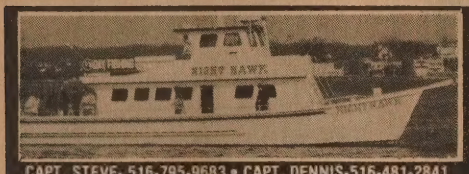

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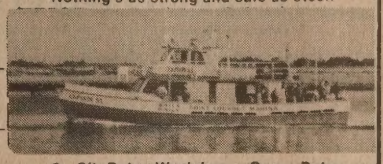

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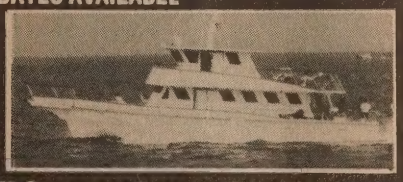

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Adam Danski of NJ had 5 fluke over 3 lbs. Walt says the night bluefishing has been erratic but with sizes very good, choppers 7 - 18 lbs. The big fish are around now and fishing should become excellent as we come off the moon. Walter expects a least another month of solid fluking.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** who is now fishing for sea bass, blacks and porgies every day, says he has been having very good to excellent catches on his many pet inshore wrecks and pieces. Some days it's mostly sea bass, some days mostly blackfish. Blackfish have been running 3 - 8 lbs. he said. Porgies are starting and there's still an odd ling mixed up in the catch.

Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** advised that Fri. and Sat. bluefish charters had excellent catches of 8 - 12 lbers. off the Rockaway Reef, on bait and chum. Catches averaged 5 - 12 a man, with pools in the 15 lb. class.

The word from Capt. Steve of the **Night Hawk** is that there was great fluking during the week on the AM trips, 60 - 80 keepers per trip, anywhere from Jones Inlet to Island Park, with a 50% keeper ratio and many 2 - 4 lbers. caught. Joel Frazier had 9, Edwin 7, Bob Kohl 8, and Manny Rodriguez 8. Saturday's bluefish charter for the Chuck Petrone group had great bluefishing off the Rockaways on bait and chum for 8 - 12 lbers. to the tune of 5 - 10 a man. Steve says the boat will be running a Labor Day tuna special and to please call for details. Due to a sudden cancellation, Sunday, September 11th is open. Steve also said he'll be sailing open Sat. and Sun. on the Labor Day weekend.

We hear from **Ed's Fishing Station** that George Hearn Sr. and Jr. had 17 keeper fluke at buoy 17, Sunday, on the ebb, using killies. Generally the fluking has been very good, with a lot of keepers and about a 50% keeper ratio. The sea bass and porgies are responding nicely throughout Reynolds and at the Bridges. Fat flounder off the CG Sta. and literally right off Ed's dock.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** told of bluefish Fri. and Sat. night taken on bait and artificials off the Magnolia Blvd. Pier. Fluking very good in the western part of Reynolds and excellent BCC's all over the place, and snappers are really taking hold.

In **Oceanside** Mark at **Bay Park Fishing Sta.** spoke of the good tuna action at the Bicardi and Texas Tower areas with lots of hook ups, lots of lost fish and a fair number boated, all blue fins to 125 lbs. On Sat. Nick Sivene on the "No Time," fishing bait and chum, had roughly 300 lbs. of blues at Ambrose. Mark said that fluking seemed to slow down a bit with the full moon tides and grass. Plenty of BCC's and snappers however.

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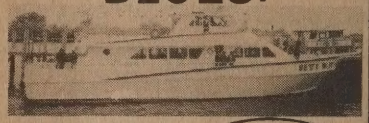

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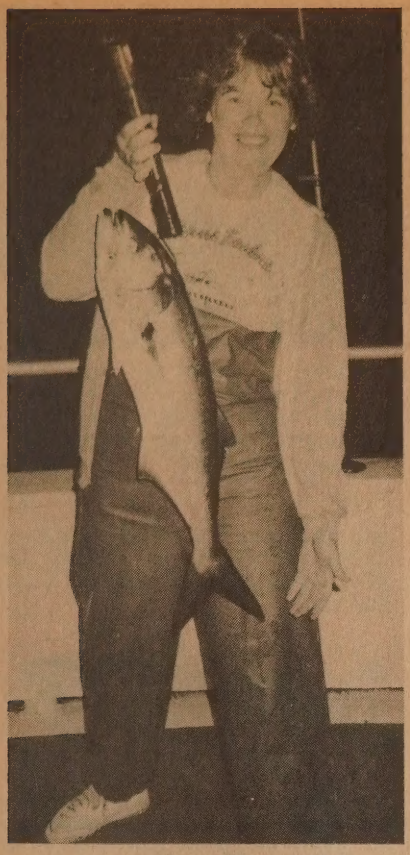
Steve at **Crossbay Bait & Tackle in Howard Beach** told of the 150 porgies to a half lb. caught by Larry, Rich, Chee and Mike off Coney Island on squid and shrimp. Lots of porgies and snappers off the north and south channel bridges along with some fluke. Lots of blues off the bridges on both moving tides, on fresh bunker. Snappers are falling to spearing and as elsewhere, the BCC's are there in huge numbers from both bridges.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay** we learn from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W IV** that while during the week bluefishing was hot and cold, the fish really took hold on the weekend and provided great catches both on bait and chum and on diamond jigs, with action red hot from the Tin Can to 17 Fathoms, fish running 1 - 15 lbs. with some weakfish mixed in. Lord George was high hook Sunday with 40, Carol 11, and Beth 16. The Tues. and Thurs. tuna trips coming up should be pure dynamite. This week the Bicardi area held a lot of tuna and as the man said, "the best is yet to come."



Pat Sboto shows one of 12 big blues she decked during a recent trip aboard the "Miss Point Lookout II."

Harold and three man crew from **Got Hooked Tackle**, last Sat. put away 27 good keeper fluke with just 5 throwbacks. All action was in and around and off the Breezy Pt. jetty area. Fish went to 3 lbs. and were taken on Harolds pet fluke rigs. With Harold were his dad, pal Eddie, and your reporter.

Capt. Mark of the **Friendship III**, said that Saturday's tuna trip saw lots of action and that he landed several BFT's to 100 lbs. Sunday's hookups slid with the full moon. Mark asked us to mention that he limits his tuna trips to 20 people so as to avoid over crowding and that the customer keeps his own fish. Please note the boats new tuna sailing schedule and that there is a special Labor Day tuna fishing trip coming up.

We hear from the **Elsie K Fleet** that both boats had good fluking this past week working Ambrose Channel. Most of the fish have been keepers said the Skipper and the pools have been settled by 5 - 6 lbers. Capt. Tom is planning special doormat fluke trips for Sept. 8th and 15th. See ad for details.

We hear from John at **Mike's Tackle**, across from the fleet, that the blues were biting their heads off this weekend at 17 fathoms and that he weighed in an 18 lb. alligator. Fluking has been good at West Bank and Romer Shoals, fish have been mostly keepers. Plenty of small porgies and sea bass on the inshore wrecks and pieces. Good blackfishing going on now

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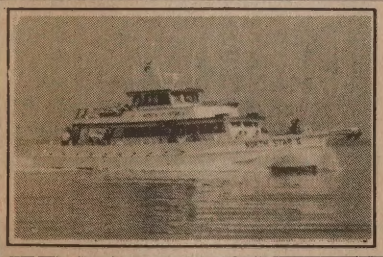

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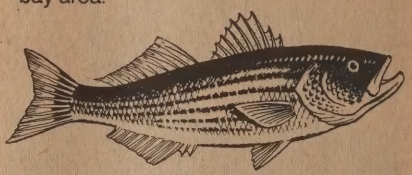

North Shore Report

with Marty Garrell

With the public finally beginning to realize that there are no connections between human viruses and finfish and virtually no finfish parasites that can transfer to humans, especially when fish are cooked, Business seems to be getting back to normal in many shore areas. The **North Fork Captain's Association** went to considerable trouble and expense to have bluefish steaks from Peconic and Fisher's Island fish tested for PCB's as well and found levels far under the 2 parts per million guideline for consumption. This was also some very welcome news. Fishing was excellent with the entire Sound hot for fluke and the East End full of porgies. Bluefish were virtually everywhere when you were able to find the schools.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack't Bait** said that trollers with Sea Witch lures and other rigs were talking about hundreds of pounds of bluefish in a catch, with fish running up to 13 lbs. There were a few scup off the old CBS tower, and the fluke came in solid. Some of the larger fish were around Sands Point with a 6 lber.

among a catch of a dozen summer flounder weighed at the shop. Center Island Bay and Steppingstone Light were also good areas. John Cacciola at **Glen Cove Sport** was enthusiastic about the hundreds of snappers in the shoreline area schools and the persistent bluefish action.

Peter Pearson had really good bluefishing all week aboard the **Klondike VIII** out of New Rochelle. After a slaughter of fish Sun., the boat returned to the dock early, loaded with fish from 4 - 14 lbs. Generally the fishing is in the Norwalk area, and bass are caught occasionally, too. The **Apache** and the **North Star**, out of City Island, have had some terrific days and a few picky days on the porgies east to Smithtown. Sunday's catch on the **Apache** was typically 15 or more fish per fare, and there are tautog and fluke mixed with the scup. Carl Giangrande will be bottomfishing full time on the Sound with the **Reliable** out of Flushing Bay after September 5. He plans on continuing the 6 PM Wednesday night bluefish trips as well.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** told us that there was still excellent action on bass in the high teens off Eaton's Neck on bunker chunks. Frank Lombardo and Steve Witthuhn had their keepers on successive days, and John Alberda of Sound Charters, TJ limits out for his parties regularly as well as loading up on bluefish. Apparently, when the time is right, you can fish for bluefish off Eaton's or Lloyds any way you want. Keith Almstrom had 4 choppers on poppers off Huntington, fish that weighed from 8 - 12 lbs. Diamond jigging is equally effective.

John Pellegrino of the **Noli Eileen** called to tell us of some excellent catches of blues that his charters had off Eaton's. They filled their coolers and then kept releasing their choppers. Fish were in the 6 - 12 lb. class. Frank and Carmine Gaziano were out on Monday, and Jim, Jack and Marianne Hare were out on Friday. The Hares also released a 32 inch striper.

Fluke fishing from Crab Meadow to Sunken Meadow, in Oyster Bay and off Whitewood Point (in fact almost anywhere), has been superb. Many of the fish are in the 18 - 20 inch (3 - 4 lbs.). There are some scup around the golf course, mediums to 1¼ lbs.

Mel Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** also saw a lot of anglers excited about the summer flounder and the bluefish action. Tom Bowman at **Bowman's Sports** told us that the town dock was again awash with snappers and that bluefish were generally in the harbor before 6 AM. Fishing off Crescent Beach in 25 ft. of water last Sun. right around the top of the flood, Bowman had a typical score of fluke, 4 fish from 14 to 21 inches.

Dennis Cekulski had some 3 dozen scup in 35 ft. of water off Crane's Neck, according to Steve Schkoda at **Captain**

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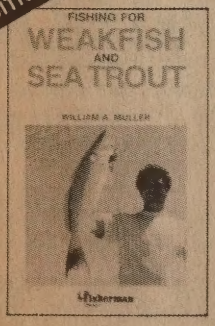

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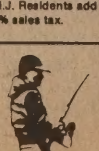
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Steve's in **Kings Park**. There were also some good sized porgies off LILCO and Callahan's. Fluke fishing was quite good at the entrance to Stony Brook and the mouth of the Nissequogue, and there were bluefish in the river almost every dawn. Steve Hecht and Pete Ignelzi had 14 choppers on AVA's, fish to 8 lbs.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson**, spoke of really good scup action of f Old Field with excellent fluking between the pink house and the Inlet. Big harbor blues are a local feature and smaller fish can be found off Buoy 11. Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mt. Sinai** told us that there were plenty of snappers in the area now, but that the major event was the nightly bite of large bluefish in the harbor. These are fish to 14 lbs.

Daytime crowds can be intimidating, according to Bill Crownover at the **Rocky Pt. Fishing Stop**. Some 200-300 people are fishing blues around Cedar Beach daily, but they are still catching fish. Wayne Pullion and Jason Craig had 8 slammers to 15 lbs. on bunker in Port Jeff Harbor while, Sal Broad, Vinnie Cochran and Mario Persione scored in Mt. Sinai. Steve Ciccotto took an 8 lb., 2 oz. fluke off Herrod's Pt. last weekend, the largest of the season seen at the shop.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** was happy with the "Normal, decent" fishing. Some bigger scup have moved in, and there are plenty of fish in the 1 - 1¼ lb. class around. Wednesday saw a few genuine 2 lbers taken. A half dozen fluke are mixed in with the daily bags. Day trips on the **Prowler** are quite reliable for good catches of bluefish, whereas the night trips on the **Ace** are off-and-on. Action should get steadier at night as the waters cool.

NORTH FORK

The Peconic Bays seem to be back in action now, according to the best report of the year from Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's.** One spot yielded catches of 6 and 12 weakfish, respecively. Generally these were summer schoolies to 2½ lbs., but the largest of hte weaks was a 5 lber. Anglers anchored with high hook squid. Porgy action was very good of Nassau Pt. and west of Robin's Island. Jamie Medina filled a boat with fish ranging from sands to large, and another catch of 26 fish included a number of 1½ lbers.

Meanwhile, out on the Sound, the run of scup was torrid, too. Charlie Caraftis at **Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station** was treating anglers to all the porgies they wanted off the Firing Range and off the Beachcomber. Chumming in 40-feet or more of water around the top of the flood and during the last of the ebb, was the ticket on Sat., with fish running up to 1¼ lbs. off the Firing Range and slightly larger off the Beachcomber. Willie Stamatis from **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquabogue** came ashore with a catch of a dozen blues, fish to about 7 lbs., that he took while jigging off Horton's Point on Saturday afternoon.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** in **Southold**, reported steady fluke fishing in deep water, 40 - 60 feet, off Gardiners, with some 4 - 5 lb. summer flounder in the catches. There was also a pick of keepers inside Southold Bay, with Cedar Beach and Nassau Pt. still good for cocktail bluefish. Bluefish were thick in the Gut early on incoming water and slightly later in Pigeon Rip. Dom Costello on the **Mr. Sea** had 4 keeper bass on Fri. night as well.

Louise Kitsch at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** weighed a typical bass from the Plum Gut area on Sat. for Bob Kampowski, a nice 19¼ lber. She also saw a fine catch of 20 large tautog taken by Dave DeRosa off Horton's. DeRosa's bag included a 4 lb. triggerfish as well.

The **North Fork Captain's Assoc.** felt vidicated by the PCB tests run on area bluefish, according to Pete Izzo of the **BoAnne**. Izzo told us that most of the North Fork blues are in the 2-8 lb. class in Pigeon Rip. He'll be sailing charters from now on with the open boat finished for the season.

With the bass fishing so good, Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** has decided to fish the new as well as the full moons. He still has some open charter dates. His highlights last week included 13 bass over 40 lbs., including a pair of 50's taken on eels. Howard Burden and Bill Holmes

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had a 51 and 52 lber respectively. The daytime charters had some good fluking, sometimes 30 - 50 fish a day with most of them in the 3 - 4 lb. class. The best was a 10 lb. doormat. One of the biggest thrills of the season was a three day pick of weakfish on diamond jigs, about 10 days ago. The tiderunners were all large fish in the 7 - 12 lb. range.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** told us that the Greenport porgy boats, (**Peconic Star** and **Brand X**) were enjoying some fine scup fishing. Even though Sat. was picky, one deep drop produced a good hour of fishing. Sunday was an excellent day with high hooks running over 3 dozen and a lot of really large porgies. Several of the fish were in the true jumbo, 3 lb. class.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Capt. Bob II** out of **Mattituck Inlet**, also had one of the top weeks of his season. Scup catches were excellent all week, with an average catch of about 20 fish and Kevin Beery walking off the boat with several times that number as high hook of the week. Bluefishing seems to get better and better with hot action last Sat. night on choppers from 5 - 12 lbs. The anglers also released 4 bass that measured under the 33 inch mark.

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Surf Report

with Fred Golofaro

A few scattered flurries of activity spread around the Island should create enough interest to inspire some casters to get the dust off their favorite surf stick. Big blues ravaged Mt. Sinai Harbor on a fairly regular basis while on the south shore, Jones Beach produced a nice shot of blues and bass during the week. Big bass were lacking from reports up through the weekend, but there's a good possibility that when the weather settles, there will be some fish on the down side of this moon.

Out at Montauk, Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop,** reported "Not a lot to get excited about this week." A couple of bass picked from up front and at Ditch Plains during the week, along with a few blues at the latter spot. There was a showing of blues at Hither Hills on Sunday morning.

A bit further west, **The Tackle Shop** reported bluefish along the beach at Amagansett on Sunday. Sam Dowdy beached 11 choppers from 6 to 9 lbs. on Hopkins. Another caster reported doing well with popping plugs.

Over at **J & J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reported that Mt. Sinai has been producing good bluefishing on a regular basis with most of the action taking place in the mornings. Ken Schmutz has been doing a good job on the fish with popping plugs.

One of the few cow bass to come to our attention this week was checked in by Curt Delano at **Islander Canvas Bait & Tackle** in Oakdale. He put a 37 lb. striper on the scale for an angler who reported taking the fish 11:30 P.M. Friday on the back side of RM #2 on a rig deal.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in Oakdale said that Mark and Vinny Giangregorio fished bunker chunks on the back side of RM Saturday night. They were rewarded with a bunch of blues from 5 to 8¼ lbs. Dave knew of some 2 to 4 lb. blues taken on tin at the Cedar Bar on Friday evening. On Sunday evening Dave's 7 year old daughter, Crystal, beached her first ever striper on a tin at Cedar. His wife, Audrey, also beached a striper in the 7 to 8 lb. class while Dave settled for 4 small blues. J. J. Warsinske and his dad, John, connected with "all the blues you want" while working a beach in the Smithtown Bay area. They ranged from 6 to 8 lbs. and all were taken on plugs. J. J. also had an 8 lb. bonito.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle** reported that John the Baptist and Brian Coates had some blues to 3 lbs., along with several fluke up to 4 lbs. on the Cedar Bar Saturday morning. Small blues were taken on the Bar on tins over the weekend and a few weaks being taken in the early morning hours on 007 jigs.

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Tackle in Wantagh clued us in to the action at Jones Beach that occurred early last week. According to Mike, the beach east of parking field 6, Jones Beach, was hot on both Monday and Tuesday for blues from 6 to 15 lbs. and bass from 6 to 10 lbs. More bass were taken on Monday than on Tuesday and the best fishing occurred from 3 P.M. until 10 P.M. Tons of anchovies provided the motivation for the action. Both plugs and tins were effective on Monday, but in Tuesday's wind, casters resorted to heavy tins. Getting in on this action was 6 year old Bobby Gabriel, Jr., who with a token assist from his dad, beached his first-ever bluefish. Tom Minkwitz began his surf career in auspicious fashion. On the first cast of his first surf fishing trip, Tom managed to snare a 33.10 lb. striper in the tail with an A27 jig. The novice caster wasted no time in getting the big striper back to the tackle shop and onto the scale. Tom took the fish at 2 P.M. Wednesday at parking field 6. Mike added that fishing around the inlet was inconsistent this week with just a handful of school bass and some small blues reported.

Fresh from the scene at Mt. Sinai, Don Meola of East End Surf Club, reported hot action on blues along the front beach at Mt. Sinai on Sunday morning with most of the fish ranging from 7 to 13 lbs. On Monday morning, the inlet was hot with virtually all the fish being taken on popping plugs and some bigger fish dominat-

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ing the action. Don reported quite a few fish taken in the teens on Monday morning including a monster of his own which checked in at 17 lbs. The big slammer was also taken on a popping plug.

Freshwater Report

with Tom Schlichter

The slight cooling trend we've seen over the last two weeks has had a positive effect on local freshwater fishing, pumping life back into pickerel, trout and largemouth bass populations which had been laying low for several weeks. Especially rejuvinated were the pickerel which showed up in catches from Nassau County all the way east to Peconic River. Still, the most exciting news of the week was the landing of a huge brown trout at Rattlesnake Creek. Read on for the details.

At **Beckmann's Bait & Tackle, Lynbrook,** Bill Beckmann informs us that largemouth bass action at Smith's Pond has been good. Gene Tripodo of Island Park gave it a try with black plastic worms on Sunday morning and was rewarded with three largemouths to 2 lbs. Other anglers experienced similar action.

A call to **Causeway Bait & Tackle, Wantagh,** uncovered a trophy sized pickerel caught out in Peconic River System by Jimmy Store. Measuring 26" and weighing in at 4.11 lbs., the big jack fell for a live killie and is now on its way to the taxidermist. More locally, the Twin Lakes have offered some quality catch and release action with bass and perch. The north lake has seen the best scores with small (1/8 oz.), white spinnerbaits, "pumpkinseed" plastic worms and live killies taking mostly legal bass up to 17.5". Along the east bank of the middle lake, fly rodders continue to lift bluegills on small poppers or white spiders. Carp and catfish action has been slow.

The crew at **Charlie's Bait & Tackle, Lindenhurst**, saw an increase in freshwater activity this week. On Tuesday, Mike Jacovina worked the stream "under the bridge" at Seole Lake and caught an 8" yellow perch on a nightcrawler bait. In Carll's River, upstream from Argyle Lake, Venessa Arkins drifted a fresh caught golden shiner to entice a 21 pickerel. She noted that there were also a lot of small bass feeding in the stream.

Across the street at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle,** Lou Florio led off the week with eighteen largemouth bass, three of which were in the 3 lb. class. Lou reports he took five fish on buzz baits, five on spinnerbaits and eight on golden shiners. All were taken on Argyle Lake and released. Fishing was also hot at Massepequa Reservoir. That's where Robert McGuinnes and his dad used live killies to click with several bass to to 16.5". A Roostertail spinner also produced a 19"

pickerel. On the trout scene, John Oberzinski worked the tidal portion of Rattlesnake Creek at 6 AM Saturday morning waking up five brown trout to 13". John used nightcrawlers to take his fish, all of which were released, and noted that a few anglers are taking home a lot of fish. He reminds that if you've caught more than you need, it's good practice to put a few back.

Fred Laager at **Edelman's East** in **Centereach**, tried fly fishing on the Carman's River during the week, working in the "flies only" section of Southaven Park. He reported the water heavy with alge, making for tough presentations that really weren't worth the effort. Still, he did manage a couple of small trout. Of bass fishing, Fred knew that a few fish in the 1 - 2 lb. class were taken at Lower Yaphank Lake over the weekend while Brian Doherty caught a pair of largemouths on a jitterbug in one of the small lakes around Lake Panamoka.

"Did you hear about the big trout taken at Rattlesnake Creek?" asks Rod DiGiacomo at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**. It was a 13.6 lb. brownie that fell for a worm drifted by Jeff Navratil. The huge sea run was actually caught a week ago Sunday, but wasn't put on a scale until Monday. Imagine what it must have weighed when it was first landed! Other than the trout fishing which has been pretty good, shop regulars are taking a few bass and sunfish at Cuttings Pond and Mill Pond in Sayville.

From **J&J Bait & Tackle, Patchogue,** John informs us that sea run action has started with a trickle of reports coming from local brackish waters. Over in the Patchogue Lake, both pickerel and bass fishing rate O.K.

John at **Four Seasons Bait & Tackle, Patchogue,** gave a ring on Sunday to tell us that those Patchogue Lake pickerel have turned on again. Dunking live killies on Saturday, Rich Commodore and James Clark combined for thirteen to 3 lbs. Cannan Lake has also given up pickerel to 3 lbs. this week, mostly to kids who are letting go all that they catch. Over at Connetquot River State Park, John and Gary Lemey used black ghost pattern streamers to dupe a pair of 2 lb. browns and Micky Fins to nail several rainbows to 3 lbs. on spinners and worms. Pat Kenehan and Bob Strunk of Islip came out on Saturday and mixed it up with a 20 lb. carp, several pickerel to 22", and three big catfish. The carp and cats responded to doughballs while the pickerel jumped on a frog pattern jitterbug. Mrs. Devlin also was proud to pass along word that her son George and his wife had a baby boy on August 11th which they've named Zach.

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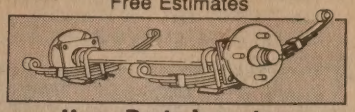
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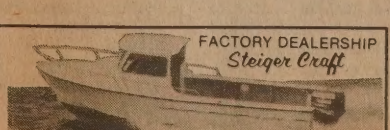
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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	—	12:25	12:45	1:15	12:40	1:15	1:35	2:00	3:40	4:00	3:30	3:50	—	12:20	9/1
FRI.	12:50	1:20	1:40	2:15	1:35	2:05	2:35	3:05	4:50	5:10	4:25	4:50	12:45	1:20	9/2
SAT.	1:50	2:15	2:40	3:15	2:35	3:05	3:45	4:10	6:05	6:35	5:30	5:55	1:45	2:20	9/3
SUN.	2:50	3:20	3:50	4:25	3:35	4:05	4:55	5:20	7:20	7:45	6:35	7:00	2:50	3:25	9/4
MON.	4:00	4:25	4:55	5:30	4:45	5:10	6:05	6:25	8:20	8:45	7:40	8:05	3:55	4:25	9/5
TUES.	5:05	5:25	6:00	6:30	5:45	6:10	7:05	7:20	9:15	9:40	8:40	9:00	4:55	5:20	9/6
WED.	6:05	6:20	6:55	7:15	6:45	7:00	7:55	8:05	10:05	10:30	9:30	9:50	5:45	6:10	9/7
THURS.	6:50	7:05	7:40	7:55	7:30	7:45	8:30	8:45	10:50	11:10	10:15	10:30	6:30	6:50	9/8

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Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
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INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
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Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
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Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
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Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
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Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
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Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
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Niantic	+1 20
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Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
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New Rochelle	—0 24
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Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
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Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

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Ossining	+1 53
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Newburgh	+3 42

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Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
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Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

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FRI. 9/2	6:27	7:32
SAT. 9/3	6:27	7:30
SUN. 9/4	6:28	7:28
MON. 9/5	6:29	7:26
TUE. 9/6	6:30	7:25
WED. 9/7	6:31	7:24

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/1	10:10PM	12:45PM
FRI. 9/2	10:50PM	1:55PM
SAT. 9/3	11:40PM	3:00PM
SUN. 9/4	—	4:00PM
MON. 9/5	12:35AM	4:45PM
TUE. 9/6	1:40AM	5:20PM
WED. 9/7	2:45AM	5:50PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/11	9/19	9/25	9/3

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THU.	10:00	3:50	10:30	4:15
FRI.	11:00	4:50	11:25	5:15
SAT.	11:55	5:45	—	6:10
SUN.	12:30	6:40	12:50	7:05
MON.	1:20	7:30	1:40	7:55
TUES.	2:10	8:20	2:30	8:45
WED.	3:00	9:05	3:15	9:30
THU.	3:45	9:40	3:50	10:10

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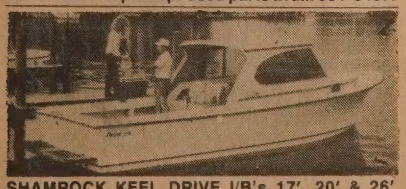

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IMMACULATE! Four Winns Sport Fisherman 21', I/O 898 Mercruiser, Ray Jeff Fish/Depth finder, VHF/CB radio. Dual batt. w/switches, live bait/fish wells. Full instrumentation. Extra SS Prop., 1985 double axle tandem trailer w/power winch. $8900. 516-795-4729. 212-820-3299.

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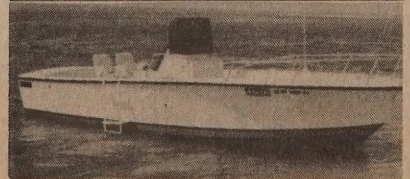
1984 36' TOPAZ 320TA's, fully loaded, gen, AC, Murray chair, Rupps, Tean deck, extra fuel, tower, etc. Lo hrs., $155,000. 718-745-5794. #40

1987 STEIGER CRAFT 21' Center Console, 1987 Yamaha 115, VHF, Raytheon V700 video, assorted fishing equip., Boat in water, make offer. 516-283-2471 leave message. #44



1976 SEACRAFT 23' 351 FWC, low hrs., completely redone. Mint. Ask: $13,900. 516-878-9267. #35

31' FBRGLS SPORTFISHERMAN, 440 Chrysler, FWC, Loran, scope, VHF, flush deck, low hrs., much more! $19,700. 718-891-1747. #37

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1984 TIARA 31' Pursuit, 2/350 hp Crusaders - 325 hrs., FWC, extra fuel, 2 VHF, Loran, 1 depth, chart recorder, AM/FM tape, electrasan. Many extras, excl. cond. $72,000. Call: 516-883-6350 9-5. #34

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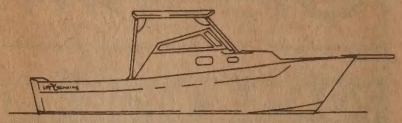
MUST SELL - HEALTH PROBLEM! New 1988 Mako 248 cuddy plus 275 hp V8 Evinrude, on Gill brocket (5 hrs), depthfinder, radio, 4' fish box seat, 15' outriggers, head, deck chairs, shower, live fish well, full canvas, CG pkg., 2 anchors, many other extras! Very Fast. 1 yr. warranty, parts and labor. to Sept. 1989. $32,000. #35

GRADY WHITE 22' '81 Pacific 170 hp OMC I/O, digital DF, Si-Tex recorder, USA Horizon VHF, Ritchie compass, dual batt., low hrs. Extras. 516-586-6243. #40

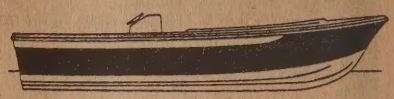
GRADY WHITE 24' 1979 241 Weekender, 230 hp OMC I/O, VHF, depthfinder, etc. On display at PORT OF EGYPT, Southold, 516-765-2445. #35

1985 CENTURY MIRADA 25', full cabin, shower, shorepower, very low hrs., many extras. $19,500. 516-585-4402.

1983 GRADY WHITE Weekender Walkaround Hardtop, 228 Merc I/O, dual steering, fighting chair, 150 gals, Outriggers, SW washdown, trim tabs, Sea temp, Furuno fishfinder, Porta-potti. $25,000. 516-751-5375.



27' OFF SOUNDINGS



21' OFF SOUNDINGS

INTRODUCING the Off Sounding's 27, w/powerful shear, 10' Beam and deep V hull, pwrd. w/twin gas or diesels. 21' Demo center console, T-Top, bow rail. Six Rod Holders. $7600. OFF SOUNDINGS YACHTS. 516-862-6969. #36

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17' FIBER - V-Hull, trailer, 18 gal. gas, auto bilge, 1988 40 VRO Evinrude. $3500. 718-276-5202. #35

22' HIGHLINER, Bertram look alike, 351 Ford V8, Fresh water cooled, coupled to 280 Volvo Outdrive, outriggers, paper recorder, two radios, AM/FM Stereo, in water, running, Ask: $6500. 516-678-4466. #35

JERSEY 31' Fiberglass Sedan Cruiser. F/B w/new enclosure, 170 hp diesel, FWC 2½ gals per hr., Salon, Dinette, Galley, head w/shower. Sleeps 6. Eng. & interior reconditioned. Trim tabs Swim platform, VHF, CB, Excl. cond., in water at Northport Marina. $18,500. 516-754-6145.

1986 AQUASPORT 270 XF Sportfisherman twin 230 FWC Mercruisers, tower, all electronics, Chair, loaded, paid $85,000 plus in 1986, 330 hrs. use, 2nd boat has arrived, will sacrifice $53,000. Avail. w/wout custom tackle and slip for balance of season in Shinnecock area. 516-289-6150 #38

1985 PRO-LINE 21' Walkaround Cuddy, Excellent Condition, Loaded! Ask: $12,000. 325-1597.

FOUR WINNS '87 23' 225 Sundowner, cuddy cabin, enclosed head, 230 I/O Mercruiser, Dual batt., full canvas, depthfinder, mint cond. Will demo! Sacrifice $19,900. 516-735-5509. #35

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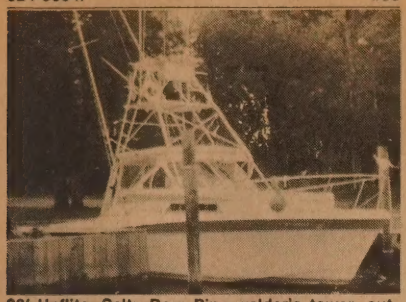
23' WELLCRAFT Coastal, cuddy, bow pulpit, Twin 115 hp Yamahas, 30 hrs., Must Sell! 516-781-2734. #38

25' MAKO 1981 cuddy, twin 150 Evinrudes, 200 gal. fuel, full update elect. Extras too numerous to list here. Perfect boat for inshore or offshore fishing. $26,000. 718-769-1909. #41

GLASSMASTER - 21' Regency, 175 hp Mercruiser, New outdrive, cuddy cabin, porta-potty, captains chair, fish well, VHF radio, sun deck. Ask: $7500. 624-9594. #35



28' Unflite, Salty Dog, Pipe welder's tower, outriggers & center rigger, 1986 FWC twin 275 hp Chryslers, 250 hrs, new gas tank, 2 Lorans, VHF, CB, sea water temp, digital depth finder, paper recorder. Malon and many extras! Mint Cond. $40,000. 516-874-2925. #35

1985 BOSTON WHALER 27' Full cabin, twin I/B's, 220 gal. fuel, all elect., canyon ready. Mint at $50,500. 516-968-9192/666-1611. #36

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35' Henriques Cust. Lobster Dragger, too much equip. to list - Make Offer.
34' '80 Silverton Sdn. Chryslers, gen, air - $38,500
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26' '87 BOCA Grande Del - Make Offer
26' '87 BOCA Grade, 350 crus - Make Offer
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29' '81 Phoenix FB sdn, Recent power, clean - $39,500.
Montauk Point, New York, 516-668-5052. #37

1977 AQUASPORT 22'7" I/O, FWC, SS Lower Unit Rebuilt '88, Full canvas, cushions, compass, washdown, etc. Clean, Ask:$6000. 516-324-8164, 324-4042. #35

28' BAYLINER Trophy Fisherman, Rare boat w/ 10x10 Cockpit, built in fishwells, tackle draws, fresh & salt water washdown, swim platform, trim tabs, full head w/shower, sleeps 4 plus kids. Full galley w/refrig., stove, sink. Boat has less than 50 hrs., original owner. Ask: $25,000. Days, 673-7265; Eves, 424-3620. #37

'87 GRADY WHITE 22' with Grady Bracket 225 Johnson too many extra's to list. Call: 201-348-3369. Leave message.

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BOSTON WHALER, 17' - 22', with or without motor or trailer cash waiting, call Bill 516-668-2071.

1981 GRADY WHITE 240 Offshore, 1985 Yamaha 220 hp, loaded with fishing goods, outriggers, downrigger, full elec., fighting chair, 150 gal. fuel tank, & much more! $25,000. 516-248-3804.

CITATION 1987 21' Cuddy 165 hp, full canvas, DF, V[HF, Shoreland'r trailer, electric winch, Mint, Must see! Best Offer. 516-496-1048. #35

1986 SEAWAY 26' x 10' Hard Top. Clean Volvo 260 hp FWC, I/B, low hrs., elect., tabs, 150 gal. fuel & more. Maine Built, tough reliable seaworthy. Turn key, fishing or family. $31,500. 914-636-0325. TFN

1978 AQUASPORT 22' Cuddy, Evinrude 175 hp, new power head, electronics, encl. canvas top, Many Extras! Excl. cond. $9750. 516-598-3337 #35

MERCURY 1985 200 hp, 25', XLPT, oil injection, Mint Cond., will demo. 669-6826 4-8PM. $3950. #40

1986 PROLINE 21' walkaround cuddy cabin, 200 hp Evinrude, 86 trailer, VHF, Loran, DF, full canvas Extras, like new, slip for 88 season. $13,500. 516-422-1339 #35

18' WINNER - Deep V 1982 70 hp Evinrude, low hrs., custom canvas, Cox galv. trailer - $2975. 718-634-4354. #35

IMP 23' HARDTOP 225 OMC electronics, marine head, full camper back. Ask: $4600 bought bigger boat - 516-661-8857 #35

1986 50 hp Force, elect start w/controls. Not used this season, very low hrs., in good cond. $1350. 718-634-9483. #38

1986 29' CHRIS CRAFT 292 Catalina, sunbridge sedan, twin crusader in board engs., 305 hp, large cockpit, sleeps 6, low hrs., Color video, VHF, immaculate cond., $50,000 days 212-580-6311 Eves: 212-295-2781, Must Sell, new boat coming. #35

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1981 STAMAS 32' Sport/Fish Canyon or Cruise. FB, 2 station twin 255 Merc. FWC, 240 gal., has everything plust custon built-ins. 2 stoves, shower, full galley, SW washdown, Halon 2 VHF, ADF directions, micrologic Loran, Radar Lowrance X-16, EPERP, Ginpole, outriggers, downriggers, Much More! Comparable replacement value well over $100K. Sacrifice at $47,000 firm. 718-631-7236. #39

SEA RAY '80 245 Sundancer 260 I/O Merc. New outdrive, manifold, 2 rigger, head, radio, depth finder, starter, cockpit interior. All above less than 10 hrs. old. dockage paid. $12,775, anytime - 718-746-8078. #35

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1981 SEARAY 17' SRV 190, 120 hp Merc. I/O. Blue Hull and interior, low hrs., Good cond. Ask: $4950. 516-661-7607. #35

1973 TOLLY CRAFT 28' solid fbgls., SF, T318 FWC, Halon, elect., fly bridge encl., swim platform, in water Montauk, Low hrs., Mint! Insured. $27,000 neg. eves: 914-229-0915 #41

1987 GRUMMAN ALUM. 17' CC w/1987 50 hp Merc. O/B, VHF, depthfinder, livewell, Bimini top, canvas, etc. Trailer inc., Excl. Cond. $8000. 516-668-4366 #36

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21' GRADY WHITE 1974 I/O Fbgls., Cuddy, sleeps 2, Head, compass, depth finder, VHF, radio, 6 cyl. Chevy 165 OMC outdrive, includes trailer, $4800 or B.O. 718-366-9504. #35

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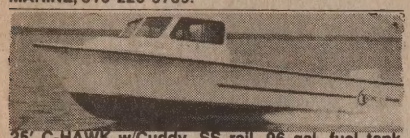

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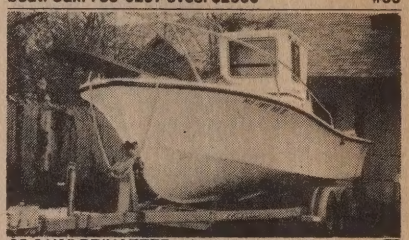

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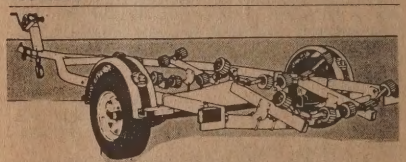

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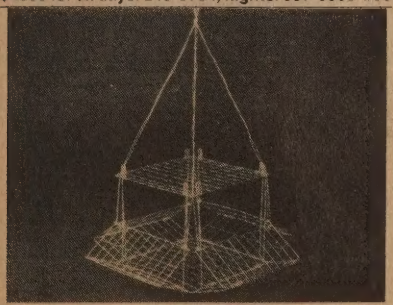

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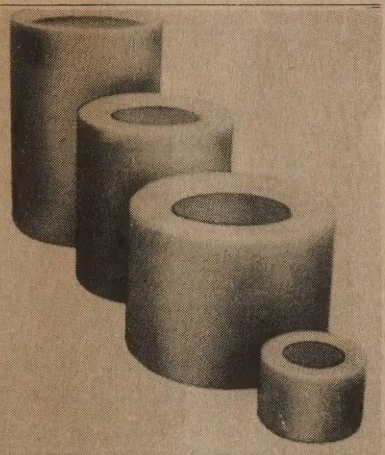

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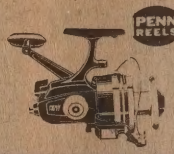

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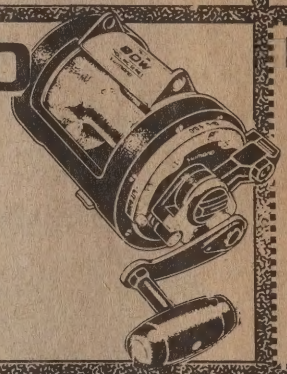

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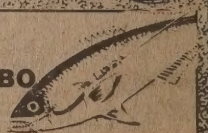

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